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Jail for man who made death threat over wall

VIOLENCE erupted during a boundary wall dispute when a man had broken pieces of concrete thrown at his head and was told he would be killed.

Cardiff Crown Court heard that the attacker, 57-year-old Brian Hoskins, had been convicted of an offence of attempted murder in 1988 and received a nine-year sentence.

Hoskins had been convicted at Cardiff Magistrates Court of assaulting 75-year-old Nigel Tee and of witness intimidation, and had been committed to the crown court for sentence.

He was jailed for 12 months, suspended for 18 months and ordered to observe a two-month curfew between 8pm and 7am. In addition, he was directed to pay costs of £960.

Prosecutor Nuhu Gobir said the two men lived in Pascoes Avenue, Bridgend, and had known each other for 16 years.

For some time there had been a dispute about a boundary wall and Mr Tee alleged that Hoskins' daughter had damaged some of his plant pots.

On Friday, August 10, at about 12.20 pm, he was in his garden when he was drenched with water which caused him to stumble with shock, and to be stunned and confused.

He then saw the defendant standing above him laughing and saying: "I am trying to cool you down", holding an empty three-gallon dustbin.

Hoskins told him: "If my daughter goes to court I will kill you."

He then added: "I am telling you I'll ****ing kill you if my daughter goes to court" and he began throwing pieces of concrete flagstone at him, injuring his forearm and elbow.

The victim backed off to a safe distance and heard Hoskins say: "****ing call the police, I don't care."

He was arrested and denied the allegations and said he didn't know why the arrest had been made.

In a victim statement, Mr Tee said he lived in fear and didn't know what Hoskins would do next.

He described him as sly and devious and claimed he had stolen his CCTV cameras installed for protection.

The court heard there had been a civil action regarding the retaining wall which left the defendant £48,500 out of pocket.

His counsel, Andrew Taylor, said that for the last seven weeks, Hoskins had lived with an aunt in Ogmore Road, Ewenny.

Mr Taylor said: "He still owes £20,000 of the previous court costs and accepts he should move.

"He has been steeling himself for a possible prison sentence. This was very much a 'one-off' incident."

Judge Jeremy Jenkins told Hoskins: "It is always very sad when neighbours fall out. It can lead to bitter irritability and can lead to violence.

"To issue such threats was very serious and for someone with a previous conviction for attempted murder it was pernicious. You should realise you have committed serious offences."

The judge imposed a five-year restraining order preventing Hoskins contacting Mr Tee in any way.

Tony Sicluna

Park Street, Bridgend, is 'the most polluted in the borough'

THE most polluted street in Bridgend has been revealed, and it's the scene of regular traffic jams – Park Street.

Air pollution limits are being breached on Park Street in the Newcastle area of the town, with nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) levels above the national air quality objectives.

It means the road needs to be declared as an air quality management area (AQMA).

As a result, Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) is required to prepare an action plan setting out measures it intends to put in place to improve air quality.

Measures could include junction-traffic signal improvements with Tondu Road, wider transportation improvements across Bridgend, access restrictions and improved monitoring.

It will be the county's first AQMA.

At a recent cabinet meeting officers said the problem was mainly down to congestion on the road which is on an incline.

They told councillors they plan to move a mobile station that provides live data on air quality from Ewenny Cross Roundabout to Park Street.

The unit, which is capable of providing continuous 15-minute averages of NO_2 concentrations is also equipped with a meteorological station so that local weather data can be gathered for use in conjunction with the air quality data. The results are based on data collected in 2017 but officers say data from this year already shows high figures and the likelihood of further breaches of the air quality objectives set for NO_2.

Park Street, Coity Road, Cowbridge Road and Bridgend town centre's Market Street were among the new sites to be monitored last year.

This year monitoring for NO_2 has been increased further along Park Street, from three to five sites.

Officers choose which sites are monitored based on known areas of high traffic flows, new traffic management systems and developments.

In 2017, the local authority operated 30 non-automatic monitoring sites in Bridgend which monitor levels of NO_2.

Its two automatic air quality monitoring sites are located at Ewenny Cross Roundabout and Rockwool Ltd.

The two sites constantly monitor and measure levels of NO_2 and particulate matter.

Park Street is a busy thoroughfare.

The legal limit for NO_2 emissions is 40 micro-grammes per cubic metre ($40\mu g/m^3$).

On one location in Park Street, by Cae Dre St, the annual average levels were $41.5\mu g/m^3$ and in another close by, it was $37.6\mu g/m^3$.

At the meeting on September 18, officers told councillors all other monitoring locations in Bridgend complied with the air quality objectives.

Shared Regulatory Services carry out monitoring of ambient air quality for NO_2 on behalf of BCBC.

Local authorities have a statutory duty to manage local air quality.

The Borough and Town councillor for Newcastle Ward, Carolyn Webster, contacted The GEM to express her concerns.

She said: "As a result of this report, I have concerns that the most polluted part of Bridgend county is on of the main routes into the town centre.

"It is a residential area, and my concerns are increased because of the proposed Sunnyside development."

Cllr Webster said: "I wait with interest to learn what is proposed to mitigate this should the development proceed."

A BCBC spokesman said: "The Shared Regulatory Service has confirmed that the levels on Park Street appear to be very localised, and that all other monitoring sites are fully compliant.

"An action plan is now being developed and we will be consulting with the local community to identify measures for improving the air quality on Park Street."

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter/The GEM

Local veteran to compete in Invictus Games

VETERAN Jeff Robinson from Llantwit Major is preparing to travel to Sydney on Monday, October 15 as part of Team GB at this year's Invictus Games which take place on October 20 – 27.

The 72-strong squad includes seven competitors from Wales, all of whom have experienced physical or mental wounds as a result of their military service and have been chosen because of the impact taking part will have on their recovery journey.

Former Flight Sergeant Jeff (49) was discharged from the RAF in 2010.

"During my time serving I sustained a number of serious injuries. Each time, it took longer and more support to recover.

"Invictus Games 2018 gives me that continued support at every training session and match played; with the opportunity to not only help me in my recovery, but now to also be able to assist and mentor others who are just starting out on their recovery journey.

"I continue to use sport and physical activity as a major tool in my recovery. I also train on a weekly basis with the Ospreys Wheelchair Rugby Club. Invictus has given me the confidence to return to work and study, having recently completed a NEBOSH course."

Jeff has taken part on a Help for Heroes Wales Sports Recovery session at Llandow in the Vale, where he spoke about the support he has received from the charity in his recovery journey.

Speaking about the karting session Jeff said: "The thrill of it is incredible. It's the first time I put a helmet on since I broke my back and neck."

The karting experience is just one element of the support Jeff has received from Help for Heroes.

"I did last year's Invictus Games and I'm going again this year, doing wheelchair rugby. Help for Heroes have been phenomenal. I wasn't doing a great deal before I got involved with them and the opportunity came to trial for Invictus and it's gone on from there.

"I've gone back to study and I've gone back to work as well. It's been so positive."

Help for Heroes has a team in Wales, offering a range of support to military personnel who have been affected by their service. Sports activities, modelmaking, one to one key workers and clinical liaison are among the services available through the Wales Community Support Office in Treforest.

The team of 72 competitors selected to represent the UK at the Invictus Games Sydney 2018 is made up of wounded, injured and sick (WIS) serving military personnel and veterans.

More hopefuls than ever before, 451 WIS military personnel and veterans, trialled 11 sports for one of the 72 places available on Team UK.

The selection process for Team UK was based on the benefit the Invictus Games will give an individual as part of their recovery.

The team will compete in 11 sports: Athletics; Archery; Wheelchair Basketball; Cycling; Powerlifting; Indoor Rowing; Wheelchair Rugby; Swimming, Sitting Volleyball, Wheelchair Tennis and a new sport for 2018, Sailing.

They will continue to train as part of Help for Heroes' Sports Recovery programme and role to train and develop the team. **AS**

Readers' Letters

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'We had a people's vote, and it was to leave the EU'

INTERESTING letter in The GEM of September 27 from Win Griffiths who was a member of the European Parliament for a number of years, (this makes no difference to his views on the EU of course) where he 'put the record straight' about what was said by his cohorts in the 'Bridgend for the EU' group meeting, a group that supports a second people's vote on the Brexit referendum.

Surely the message will get through one day: the British voting public, in the largest recorded plebiscite for 50 years have decided we will leave the EU next March 2019.

I was fortunate, if you can call it that, to be present some weeks ago at the first meeting of the Bridgend For The EU which took place at the community centre in Cefn Glas.

I attended the launch of this organisation as a confirmed Brexiteer and democrat but was curious to hear if there were any further fear factors that could be harvested by this group of staunch remainers.

I was not to be disappointed, whatever Mr Griffiths says.

I heard with my own ears some outlandish statements concerning foreign holidays, students making visits to the EU, and more, in the future being nigh-on impossible; a Bridgend councillor who was present made statements that were beyond the pale about people he met in Bridgend when canvassing for a Remain outcome during the referendum, the intelligence of Brexit voters throughout was also brought into question.

The more mud thrown leaves less ground to stand on and if a second vote is forced on the British people the damage to democracy will not be healed for generations.

So all I would say to Mr Griffiths and other like-minded people is, be careful what you wish for.

Ian Hampton,
Maesteg.

A second vote is needed on terms which are negotiated

In reply to John Attwood (The GEM of October 4), I focussed on Conservative and UKIP Brexiteers like Jacob Rees-Mogg, Boris Johnson and Nigel Farage because they have been the ones calling for a no-deal Brexit.

Whilst some of my former colleagues, like Frank Field and John Mann,are Brexiteers they have not been in the vanguard of the no-deal campaign. Jeremy Corbyn, despite his long history of cynicism to the EU, is on record as voting remain in 2016.

JLR referred to the diesel issue as one factor, along with Brexit fears in going on to a three-day week [*Editor's note: According to JLR, this, and the recently-announced two-week shutdown of production, is due to a drop in sales of 46 per cent in the Chinese market, 7 per cent in the North American market, and 12.3 per cent globally*], Toyota have said a no-deal Brexit will lead to a temporary unspecified halt in production and hit investment in Britain. PSA, the owners of Vauxhall, have said no-deal will "necessarily" hit car production. Honda have said a no-deal Brexit will cost them tens of millions of pounds.

Brexit fears are hitting other industries. Pharmaceuticals giant, Pfizer, have said preparing for Brexit will cost them £78 million and may have 'certain implications' for its research, commercial and general business operations in the UK and the EU.

Europe's largest cardboard box maker has shelved plans for a £50 million British plant and warned that Brexit poses a "real risk" to jobs. The Vithit health drinks company has said Brexit fears could see nearly half their production move to the EU.

My point about the wealth of Jacob Rees-Mogg is not that his wealth makes his arguments invalid but that his wealth cushions him from the negative impact of Brexit, which even his government predicts will happen.

I have not forgotten that the majority of farmers and people in Wales voted to leave the EU. I believe that two years on from the referendum its negative impact is becoming clearer and people should have the right to decide whether any deal which may be on offer is better than staying in the EU.

I can see no difference in a democracy about voting two years on from the 2016 referendum than from voting two years on from the General Election of 2015 when five-year terms were meant to be the new norm.

Given that the EU would prefer us to remain as members, I believe they would allow us to withdraw Article 50 without any problem.

Let's have a vote on the staying or leaving on any terms which might be negotiated. I have more faith in our EU allies than Presidents Putin and Trump.

Win Griffiths OBE, Cefn Cribwr

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Council is 'looking into stolen tubes'

AIR quality specialists have been losing months of data from a Bridgend street because the little plastic tubes they use to measure the levels of pollution keep disappearing.

Diffusion tube monitors, which measure nitrogen dioxide, are attached to road signs and lampposts across the county in various pollution hotspots.

But the tubes have been going missing in recent months with one street hit in particular – Park Street.

Speaking at a Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) cabinet meeting, officers said the team had noticed the problem from May onwards.

Environment team manager at the Shared Regulatory Services, Jason Bale told, councillors: "They are little plastic tubes with a black cap.

"It could just be children or teenagers.

"It happens across the authority, it's a bit annoying as we are losing months of data."

Air quality officer Craig Lewis added: "Last year we had 100 per cent data – this year we were quite successful up to about May then every single one on Park Street has gone."

Officers said it was "a mystery" and that those fixing them in place were now using stronger adhesives.

Results from the tubes are collected and replaced on a monthly basis with the results from the tube sampling then averaged over the year.

Park Street is a specific area of concern for its pollution at the moment with monitoring locations exceeding air quality objectives.

Officers said following analysis of data from 2017, the street needs to be declared as an Air Quality Management Area.

It means BCBC has to prepare an action plan setting out measures it intends to put in place to improve air quality.

Liz Bradfield,
Local democracy reporter

Building society's half-century

WALES' largest building society is celebrating 50 years of serving the community in Maesteg from its branch in the town centre.

Principality Building Society first opened its doors on Commercial Street on September 29, 1968.

Customers and staff were joined by Wales rugby star Aaron Shingler on Saturday to mark the occasion, celebrating with cupcakes and Champagne. Staff at Principality's Maesteg branch raised £83 through a raffle for its three nominated Welsh charities, Cancer Research Wales, homeless charity Llamau, and School of Hard Knocks.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL OCTOBER 18)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
11 Thur	08.39	10.3	20.57	10.3
12 Fri	09.15	10.2	21.32	10.1
13 Sat	09.49	9.8	22.07	9.5
14 Sun	10.23	9.3	22.41	8.9
15 Mon	10.59	8.7	23.18	8.3
16 Tues	11.44	8.1		
17 Wed	00.08	7.6	12.46	7.4
18 Thur	01.27	7.2	14.21	7.3

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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The stage is the star at Tremains Primary School

CHILDREN from Tremains Primary are set to take centre stage after a donation from Tarmac's Aberthaw Cement Plant has led to a stage being built in the playground.

Tarmac Aberthaw's Head of Mechanical, Richard Jones said: "We are keen to support communities close to the plant and where our colleagues live and we wasted no time and set to work."

Mr Jones planned the work and enlisted the support of Tarmac supply chain partner, Excel Power Construction, which supplied equipment free of charge.

Mr Jones and two colleagues, Colin Jones and Steve Bullock, spent three days during the school holidays erecting the staging area ready for the pupils' return in the new academic year.

BCBC chief executive to leave post in January

DARREN Mepham, the chief executive of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), has announced that he intends to leave the authority in early 2019.

Mr Mepham has accepted a new role as chief executive for Barnet and Southgate College in North London. He will continue to act as chief executive at the council before leaving in January.

Mr Mepham said: "This has not been an easy decision as I enjoy working here at Bridgend County Borough Council.

"It has been six years since I joined the authority, and in that time I have been really proud of what we have achieved in the face of some very challenging circumstances.

"While I have decided to take on this new challenge for the usual mix of personal and career-related reasons, I remain firmly focused on continuing to serve as chief executive, and will be supporting the senior management team as they consider a range of short and medium-term options."

Town's crafty poppy appeal has only eight days left

THE Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council would like to say thank you to all those members of the community who turned up at the craft session last Saturday to help make poppies to decorate the Town Hall for Remembrance Sunday.

However, we still need more poppies, and only have eight more days to go before final collection day of Friday, October 19.

So if you can help, please could you contact Sian Hookins at Cowbridge Town Hall on 01446 773385. Many thanks in advance.

Ceri Anderson
Town Clerk
Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council.

'Paediatric services are safe' insists health board

CARDIFF and Vale University Health Board has apologised after a review found children suffered injuries during surgery – but insists services are safe.

The Royal College of Surgeons (RCS) investigated 18 paediatric surgical cases between 2013 and 2017 which identified similar concerns through hospitals' complaints processes.

It came after a number of complaints about 'cultural and behavioural issues' in the department and concerns from other departments such as radiology and the paediatric intensive care unit.

The cases involved a number of different paediatric surgeons including locum and experienced consultants. The RCS investigation highlighted concerns in six of the 18 cases. No child died in any of these cases.

In two of these, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board was already in the 'Putting Things Right' process for managing concerns, having already identified it "did not give optimum care" and had apologised to the families involved, a board meeting on September 27 was told.

In the third case the review found that although closer post-operative management was needed, the outcome for the child would not have changed. The RCS asked the health board to carry out further reviews on three children – in two cases it found the care provided was reasonable.

But in one case the board 'did feel we had failed that child and their family' – who are now in a 'Putting Things Right' process, executive nurse director Ruth Walker told the meeting.

Mrs Walker has said paediatric surgical services at the University Hospital of Wales (UHW) in Heath, Cardiff, have been reviewed following the findings and are safe. The board said it had been in contact with all families where harm has been identified.

Between 2013 and 2017 more than 5,200 children had surgery at UHW – which meant these cases represent 0.3 per cent of the total number of children who were operated on in this time period.

She said: "We would like to reassure families, patients and the public that there is no need to be concerned with the paediatric surgery at the University Hospital of Wales and that our services are safe.

"In line with good governance we identified a cluster of concerns with similar themes through our staff speaking up and our incident, complaints and claims process within paediatric surgery. This led to a request that the Royal College of Surgeons independently review 18 paediatric surgical cases that had taken place between 2013 and 2017.

"All families and/or their representatives have been contacted under Welsh Government's 'Putting Things Right' (protocol) and there is no reason to believe this issue is wider than the cases identified.

"We have accepted the report and the recommendations and have worked hard to improve processes to reduce the risks raised."

The RCS report highlighted issues around lack of consultant reviews which contributed to failures to manage post-operative complications which also led to unnecessary delays.

There were also concerns about handovers and joint working between the paediatric surgeons and paediatric gastroenterology departments.

In response the health board says it has implemented a number of recommendations made by the RCS, including hiring six new paediatric surgeons, with plans to appoint a seventh in November, designating time for handovers in consultant rotas and improving relationships between departments.

Paediatric surgery is now no longer doing elective work while running an emergency on-call service, as recommended in the report.

The RCS in March 2018 told the board they are "satisfied and assured" improvements are being made.

Maria Battle, chairwoman of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, apologised to the families involved at Thursday's meeting. She said: "We apologise to those children who have suffered harm. We have ensured that the services are safe.

"It's an opportunity to learn where issues have been raised for quite some time."

Matt Discombe,
Local democracy reporter

Maesteg fireworks announced

ON Monday, November 5 Maesteg Rotary Club will have their annual fireworks display at the Maesteg rugby ground.

Over the years this has been described as one of the best displays in the valley, the proceeds of which are used by the Rotary Club to support local and international charities.

The gates will open at 6.30pm and the display will commence at 7.30pm. This year admission will be £6 per person with family of four £20; under 5 free and 6-11 will be £4.

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Bridgend firefighters defend title in challenge

SOUTH Wales Fire and Rescue Service Bridgend Extrication Team remain the very best in the country after defending their UK Extrication Team title at the United Kingdom Rescue Organisation (UKRO) Challenge in Cardiff Bay recently and winning for a sixth time.

The team fought off strong competition from teams across the UK on home soil and also picked up Best UK Extrication Technical Team and Best UK Extrication Medic titles.

Hosted by South Wales Fire and Rescue Service and drawing thousands to the iconic and sunny Cardiff Bay, the event saw 600 firefighters battle it out in Trauma, Water, Extrication, Rope and Urban Search and Rescue challenges, showcasing the best in rescue skills and techniques from services across the country.

At the event, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service claimed their position as Best Overall UK Rope Rescue Team and Best UK Technical Rope Rescue Team.

In addition, this was the first year that south Wales have entered the Water Rescue Challenge and another new team from Penarth Station came third in Best UK Water Rescue Team, including competing in the first ever Rapid Water Rescue scenario; a first for a UKRO national challenge.

Chief Fire Officer Huw Jakeway said: "I am inspired by the skill shown by all our teams and I congratulate them on their well-deserved success.

"These titles may be awarded through a competition, but the skills on display are those that our firefighters use every day keeping the people of south Wales safe.

"All our teams continue to make us all very proud and my own special congratulations to all the competing teams who have dedicated their own time in preparing for the challenge.

"I am especially proud of our Bridgend Extrication Team – this is the sixth time they have won this prestigious Challenge."

The Bridgend Extrication Team will soon fly out to South Africa to defend their world title at the World Rescue Organisation Challenge on October 23-26.

Officer in Charge, Station Manager Andy Morgan said: "It was an amazing feeling when the results were given out during the closing ceremony and it felt extra special winning at home in front of so many of our colleagues who were there supporting and cheering for us.

"The challenge in Cardiff this year has to be one of the best we have ever attended; the venue, all of the teams in various challenge events, along with support staff from all departments brought together in such a compact, professional way, showcasing many skills."

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Time capsule, concert and cake mark care home's anniversary

RMBI home Albert Edward Prince of Wales Court in Porthcawl has celebrated 45 years since it officially opened.

Today, the home provides residential care, nursing and dementia support for up to 76 people. To mark the special occasion, staff organised a party for residents, family and friends, the highlight being a performance by pupils from Nottage Primary School.

Porthcawl Mayor Cllr Norah Clarke and Sir Paul Williams joined residents, staff and the children to help bury a time capsule in the home's gardens, containing memorabilia from the home's opening in 1973, as well as pictures and letters; the sincere hope being that the capsule will be dug up in another 45 years by the home's future team. Canon Godfrey James followed with a blessing.

Home manager Alison Aberdeen said: "We're so proud of the contribution our wonderful home has made to the community. We also wanted to say a big thank you to our residents, staff and all the people who have supported our home over the years." **AS**

ABOVE:Care home staff, from left: Teresa Picton, Amanda Kilpatrick-Evans, Hannah Hutchinson and manager Alison Aberdeen celebrate 45 years.
BELOW: Deputy manager Teresa Picton and manager Alison Aberdeen.

PACT meetings in the area

CEFN GLAS, LLANGEWYDD and BRYNHYFRYD PACT public meeting will be held at Westward Community Centre, on Monday, October 22 at 7pm.

NEWCASTLE PACT public meeting will be held at Westward Community Centre, on, Monday, October 22 at 7pm.

REST BAY and NOTTAGE PACT public meeting will be held at Nottage Scout Hall, Nottage on Tuesday, October 23 at 8pm.

OLDCASTLE PACT public meeting will be held at The Library, Brynteg Comprehensive School on Thursday, October 25 at 6pm.

If you have any non emergency issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team either by telephoning 101 or on the contact numbers or email address, issued on the 'Your Neighbourhood' section of South Wales Police website, www.south-wales.police.uk for your respective area.

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Harvest thanks and a day trip for St Illtyd's Church

IT was not just their thanks for a successful harvest in a trying year for farmers that parishioners of St Illtyd's Church, Newcastle, gave on October 6, but also food, toiletries, and clothing to homeless charity The Wallich.

The creatively-clever ladies of the parish bedecked the church with strong Autumnal colours made up of boughs, branches, and flowers from their gardens, and, as the light shone through the stained-glass windows, the church seemed to be even more alive. The choir sang beautifully, as ever.

Thanks were, of course, given to our farmers, shepherds, fishermen, and gamekeepers, and all others who help put food into our shops, and onto our plates.

Parish priest Father David Lloyd announced a pre-Christmas trip to Bath on Friday, November 2.

Anyone wishing to go, whether of that parish or not, is welcome to attend.

The coach will leave West Road in Newcastle (CF31 4EY) at 8.30am and return at 4.30pm. Tickets are £12.

For further information, visit @saintilltydbridgend on Facebook, or call Fr David on 01656 655999.

They came from a land Down Under and now they're over here

THE Celtic Club Maesteg was recently visited by Perth Male Voice Choir from Australia, which joined Maesteg Male Voice Choir for an evening of song and friendship.

A former member of Maesteg choir, John Jenkins, emigrated to Perth two years ago and joined their choir, which had been invited to sing at the Albert Hall on October 13, and he was able to persuade them to come to Maesteg for the evening.

Both choirs sang six pieces individually and at the end joined together for another three, which went down well with the audience.

During the evening, a Maesteg choir member was presented with a life membership certificate and a gift from the choir by Huw Irranca-Davies, AM, the president of the club after an introduction by long-serving member Peter Jones. **TH**

Camera clubs' battle royale in Bridgend

Inn Focus Club were the winners of the Bridgend Camera Club competition, with judge John Tilsley from Dorchester Camera Club (left).

INN Focus Camera Club dominated a 12-way battle at Bridgend Camera Club recently, with the highest score across five prints and winning the prize for the best people and best colour photos.

The prints were judged by John Tilsley from Dorchester Camera Club.

The 12 camera clubs invited to compete were mainly from Wales but with entries across the border from Portishead and Scotland's Craigewan Club.

The evening was sponsored by Fotospeed Papers and the winners were: Best nature, Jenny Hibbert from Bridgend with 'Hawk Owl Hunting Over Snow'; Best people, Coltrane Koh from Inn Focus with 'The Young Ones'; Best landscape, Gareth Martin from Cymru Mono with 'Solitude'; best mono, Keith Sharples from Monmouth with 'Farrier' and best colour, Ian Munro from Inn Focus with 'Ejector Inspectors'.

In the team category, the top three clubs were Inn Focus, second, Tenby and third, Gwynfa.

Bridgend Camera club meets on Monday evenings at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start at Nolton Church Hall, Merthyr Mawr Road North, Bridgend, CF31 3NH.

Visitors flock to exhibition of 'man who ended the war'

Ernest Rollings' story has captivated visitors to the exhibition.

A SPECIAL exhibition to honour the achievements of former Glamorgan and Neath policeman, Ernest Rollings, has received more than 100,000 visitors at Cardiff Castle.

The exhibition was on loan from the South Wales Police Heritage Centre in Bridgend Headquarters from October 2017 to September this year at the Firing Line Museum at the castle.

Ernest Rollings' story outlines the tale of a quiet, modest man, whose endeavours during World War One would earn him accolades as 'the man who ended the war'.

In 1918, Lieutenant Rollings led two armoured cars to a German headquarters in Framerville in France. Once there, his orders were short and to the point – he was to raid them for documents.

However, Rollings, who could not read German, would not come to know the significance of the information he was to uncover there for many years later.

Thirteen years later, an RAF mechanic stumbled upon a short note he had written at a high level briefing in September 1918, which he then took to the Sunday Express. A nationwide search then began to find the man responsible for uncovering secret information containing crucial details of the German Hindenburg Line.

Rollings, in keeping with his modest nature, didn't put himself forward and when he was initially contacted by the paper, he was reluctant to get involved.

Rachel Adams, curator of the Firing Line Museum at Cardiff Castle said: "The Firing Line has been overwhelmed by the response to the Ernest Rollings Exhibition. The visitor numbers have surpassed our expectations and we have observed a popular response to the exhibit by those specifically coming to the museum to see it."

His story is now featured as part of the war exhibition in the force's Heritage Centre in Bridgend which also contains a range of artefacts, including police equipment and uniform from years gone by, such as handcuffs, radios and the decorated dress uniforms of 19th century chief constables.

The Heritage Centre is open to the public on Wednesdays; booking is essential and can be done via bit.ly/2PeelHe.

Rotary's fundraising lunch

AS part of the efforts by Rotary Clubs in south Wales, the Rotary Club of Bridgend hosted an autumn luncheon on September 23 in a marquee on a field in Laleston to raise funds for a new mobile chemo-therapy unit as part of the Tenovus Closer to Home Appeal.

Those attending were entertained by Lowri Phillips, a Bridgend based harpist, and the vocal trio, Athena.

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Those attending the event were entertained by the vocal group Athena (right).

Iron horses raise cash for charity

ON October 7 the Glamorgan Iron Horse Society staged the Ogmore Castle Vintage Tractor Run from the castle field, by kind permission of Robert Williams and family.

Macmillan Cancer Support local representatives, Claire Davies and Val Weaver, were on hand to take the entries and collect money from the participants and supporters.

A total of 36 tractors and three vintage Land Rovers took part in the run through the Vale, stopping for a lunch break at Llampha Farm by kind permission of Richard Anthony and family, who arranged a 'chuck wagon' to serve a hot meal.

Thanks must go to the ladies of the Iron Horse Society who made sure that tea and cakes were on hand to welcome the participants on the field at the start of the run and also to the two judges of the parade, Rees Lean and David George.

The winner of the trophy was Jeff Benfield from the Rhondda on his Ford Dexter tractor. The total raised on the day was £650 for the Macmillan Cancer Support. This brings the overall total raised at the Ogmore Castle Vintage Tractor Run to £4,587.

Next year's tractor run will be held on Sunday, October 6 at the Ogmore Castle field.

Basil George

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Carnegie House offers writers the chance to get together

BRIDGEND Writers Circle welcomes new members and, at their meeting in October, they enjoyed reading self-penned monologues, from comedy to tragedy, and there was something for all to enjoy.

The eventual winner was Michael Hayes' thoughts on 'birthright'.

The evening concluded with chairperson Wendy Nottingham giving an explanation into the historical origins of the nursery rhymes, including 'Old Mother Hubbard,' a reference to Henry VIII and 'Old King Cole', which originates from the third century.

If you feel the urge to write and wish to meet a likeminded friendly group, they meet at 7pm on the first Thursday of the month at Carnegie House, Wyndham Street, Bridgend; all welcome.

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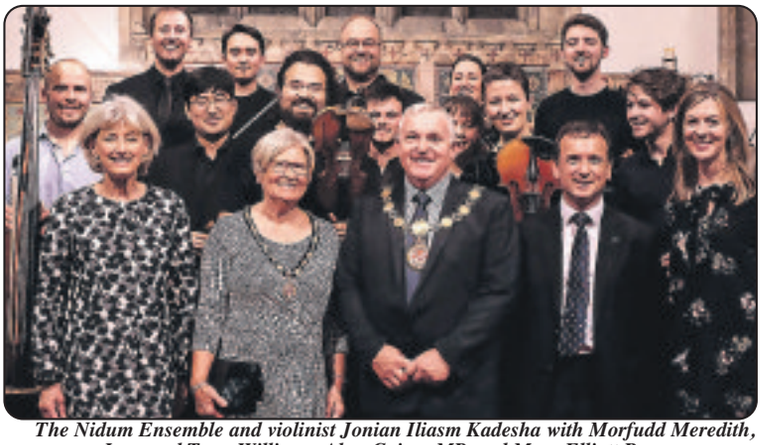
Cowbridge is now 'surely among the top music festivals in Wales' – says music critic

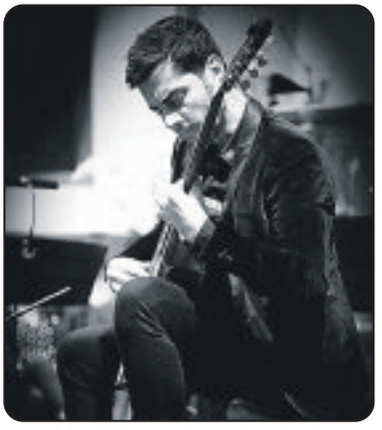
ABOVE: The 'Making Music – Changing lives' orchestra from Ely.



The Nidum Ensemble and violinist Jonian Iliasm Kadesha with Morfudd Meredith, Jane and Terry Williams, Alun Cairns MP, and Mary Elliott Rose.

ABOVE: The participants of the CMF Chamber Music Week

Young musicians at Holy Cross Church.



Miloš Karadaglić performing for a capacity audience at Holy Cross Church.

ABOVE: Carys Gittins and Manon Browning after their concert at Cowbridge Library

ABOVE: An outreach day at Ambito Day Opportunities in Sully

ABOVE: The Ffion Wyn Trio at the Bear.

AN electrifying performance of Vivaldi and Piazzolla's Four Seasons thrilled a capacity audience in Holy Cross Church on the opening night of this year's Cowbridge Music Festival.

The innovative programme combined with superb musicianship from The Nidum Ensemble and soloist Jonian-Ilias Kadesha led Peter Collins, music critic of the Western Mail to comment that the festival, now in its ninth year, 'is surely among the top music festivals in Wales'.

Ten more evening concerts followed, starting with two performances given by musicians from all over the world taking part in the festival's Chamber Music Week, and a welcome return of one of CMF's favourite bands, Tri i Dve, filling the Town Hall with their virtuosity and intricate rhythms of the Balkans.

The second weekend centred around the Duke of Wellington's ballroom, with Cowbridge harpist Eluned Pierce and her duo partner Hugh Webb, followed by Duke Ellington classics from The Gareth Roberts Quartet. Soprano Elin Manahan Thomas rounded off the weekend with the poignant songs of Morfydd Llwyn Owen and Dilys Elwyn-Edwards.

Then later in the week, string quartet connoisseurs enjoyed the renowned Albion Quartet playing Beethoven and Dvořák, and Llantwit Major's rising-star cellist, Ben Tarlton, was outstanding in this year's Young Artist's Recital.

Between concerts, the festival's community outreach programme visited care homes and primary schools around the Vale, including St Nicholas, St Athan, Gladstone and Aberdare Park Primary School in Barry and Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.

Pupils enjoyed percussion workshops with festival partner Children's Musical Adventures, while Tri i Dve served up a treat at Ambito Day Opportunities in Sully.

Something new for 2018 was the Festival Fringe, which takes the festival out into the town, provides opportunities for young musicians and celebrates local music groups.

Events included a concert by With Music in Mind joined by celebrity guest Elin Manahan Thomas, a Sunday jazz brunch at Oscars, a jazz supper at The Bear Hotel, Brazilian rhythms on the High Street from the Vale School of Samba and a concert in the library to commemorate the Debussy centenary.

The Making Music Changing Lives children's orchestra, Ely's version of El Sistema, also paid a visit and bowled the audience over with their performance of Dvorak and Scott Joplin.

For the final weekend, a sold-out concert with standing ovations and three encores: Montenegrin guitarist Miloš Karadaglić – joined by string group Ensemble7 – played Bach, de Falla, Granados and Beatles arrangements.

And after Saturday's mid-morning Family Concert (where Batman and friends harnessed the power of rhythm to catch the music thief…), vocalist Jacqui Dankworth brought the festival to a close, captivating her audience at Cowbridge School Theatre with tunes from the Great American Songbook, stage and screen.

Now looking forward to 2019, when the festival will celebrate its 10th year. To be first to hear about next year's programme, join the mailing list at *cowbridgemusicfestival.co.uk*.

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Local people to the fore as thousands join the runners at the Cardiff Half Marathon

THIS year's Cardiff Half Marathon will be remembered, sadly, for the tragic death of two young men who collapsed shortly after finishing the race.

Inevitably, it cast a cloud over the post event celebrations, and The GEM is sure that all the runners will be thinking of the friends and families of the men.

As the runners made their way around the course, there was plenty of representation from clubs in the Vale and Bridgend county borough.

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ABOVE and LEFT: Cornelly Striders runners were in action.

ABOVE: Runners from Porthcawl

The start of the elite race.

ABOVE: More Cornelly Striders.

Porthcawl revellers remember the 'good old days' of the Stoneleigh Club

Remembering the Bay City Rollers. Photo by Jackie Barnes.

Cllr Mike Clarke, Tracey Nash, Andrew Ridley (Royal Oak), Mayor Norah Clarke (Photo by Jackie Barnes).

FOR Porthcawl people of a certain age, it was a night of shameless nostalgia when the 'Last Night at The Stoneleigh' evening took place.

A popular Porthcawl pub was packed out with revellers who were remembering the 'good old days'.

Organiser Chris Pugh-Bevan explained: "On Bank Holiday Monday, August 28, 1989, Porthcawl lost an iconic building and entertainment venue.

"I spoke to fellow former staff members and we agreed the time was right for a get together. We convinced Tracey Nash and Andrew Ridley to let us use the Royal Oak pub on South Road, Porthcawl, a stone's throw from where the Stoneleigh once stood. Tickets were snapped up and sold out fast.

"It was about fun and nostalgia, remembering an entertainment venue that operated from the 1920s to 1989.

"The Beynon family, originally from Maesteg, came to Porthcawl towards the end of World War One. George Beynon was a pioneer of the cinema industry from its infancy in Wales.

"He ran and owned venues across the south Wales valleys. He was prominent in the Porthcawl Chamber of Trade and served as Mayor of PUDC. He died in 1940.

"In Porthcawl, he and his five sons Cynwyd (Con), Willie Beynon (WB), Tom, David and Jack owned and managed many businesses in the town from the 1920s onwards, including: Cosy Theatre, Colisieum Cinema, Casino Theatre, Cinema and Ballroom and the Stoneleigh Private Members Club.

"They also owned shops, bookmakers, boxing and sports promoting, the list is endless. The next generation continued the family tradition.

"In 1973, the Casino Cinema was re-vamped and the Stoneleigh Club was opened by George Beynon's grandson – also called George – entertaining thousands until the late 1980s. The Beynon family were hugely supportive, and family members attended the event.

"At the 'Last Night at Stoneleigh,' we aimed to recreate the Tier, Elbow and Terrace Bars in the Royal Oak. The 70s and 80s were back, and party people in fancy dress boogied all night long.

"Resident DJs from the era, Terry Watson, Martin Williams, Jerry Nash, Russell Edwards and Tony James worked until late, driving the dancefloors."

Mr Pugh-Bevan said there was a serious side to the evening, as they were raising money for two local good causes – Leo Jones and Hannah Evans.

He said: "Leo lives in Porthcawl, and is in his 30s. In February 2016, he was diagnosed with a grade 3 Anaplastic Astrocytoma, a rare malignant brain tumour. His children Noah and Evelyn have a limited time to make magical memories with their Dad.

"When Leo was diagnosed his response was: 'The biggest problem with this tumour is I have a wife and children – It's my family I'm worried about'.

"Leo chose to fight for his family, to fight the tumour and took all the treatment available. Leo's bravery and determination to be there for his children is inspirational.

Hannah is from Neath, with family living and working in Kenfig Hill. She needs life-saving treatment in the USA and without treatment her life expectancy is short.

"The conditions she suffers from are Ehlers Danlos Syndrome, postural orthostatic tachychardic syndrome and mast cell activation disorder, also known as MCAD.

"These conditions attack the immune system so badly that Hannah now wears a mask in public. She's is resistant to every antibiotic except two. Treatment in the USA is her last chance.

"Currently, she takes 100 oral meds and 16 IV injections via Hickman line four times a day. There is no funding on the NHS in any UK hospital at this time and fundraising is her only option."

The raffle prizes were donated by local businesses and the public. Cash raised has already passed £1,400. For more information, go to Facebook Events page "Last Night at Stoneleigh." or email lastnightatstoneleigh@outlook.com

ABOVE and BELOW: Performers at The Stoneleigh in the 1970s.

The Blues Brothers. (Photo by Jackie Barnes).

When the Stoneleigh made the national news.

ABOVE: The Beynon dynasty.

Time to exercise the little grey cells!

HERE are this week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League:

1. 'Prayer House in The Wood' is the English translation of the name of which Welsh village?

2. What was the name of the last known Galapagos tortoise that died, aged 101, in 2012?

3. To which team is the 'Vince Lombardi Trophy' awarded annually?

4. Who did Marion Cotillard play in the 2007 film *La Vie En Rose*?

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Answers:
1. Betws-y-Coed.
2. Lonesome George.
3. NFL Super Bowl winners.
4. Edith Piaf.

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'Kumon' over to Asda Pyle

THE Kumon Bridgend Study Centre will hold an event at the centre in Asda Pyle, Ffald Road (CF33 6BU) on Saturday, October 13 to provide local families with a chance to learn more about Kumon's individualised maths and English programmes and how they could benefit their children.

Parents with children of all ages are encouraged to pop in from 1pm–3pm.

Visitors to the event will have the opportunity to take part in a series of activities, including number games. Parents will also have the chance to view study materials and ask any questions they might have about the Kumon programmes.

Instructor at the Kumon Bridgend Study Centre, Ann O'Neill said: "I am really looking forward to the event and to welcoming our existing students and new families to our new study centre. We have been operating from St Mary's Catholic Church Hall in Bridgend for five years and are very excited to now be moving into our very own premises within Asda in Pyle. Families can drop in throughout the day to meet my team, and ask Kumon how we could help their child."

Established for over 50 years, the Kumon programmes enable children of all ages and abilities to develop their independent study skills and confidently tackle advanced work. Kumon's approach to learning is quite different to traditional methods of supplementary education. Kumon develop children through the acquisition of independent learning skills, rather than teaching in the conventional sense, so they do not become dependent on – or limited by – the skills and knowledge of others.

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For further information about the Kumon Bridgend Study Centre, call Ann O'Neill on 07869 291263 or email bridgend@kumoncentre.co.uk.

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You can't beat your local high street

READERS will be aware that Cowbridge High Street has been nominated in the Great British High Street Awards, reaching the national final for the Rising Star Award.

They are one of only 12 nominations and this is a huge opportunity to show the rest of the country one of our thriving and successful high streets.

We're fortunate in the Vale to have a number of excellent high streets, in Llantwit and Barry as well as in Cowbridge, that make our home a fantastic place to live, work, visit and do business.

It's absolutely vital that we support the Vale's nomination to help to put us on the map and benefit the wider area. Success for Cowbridge can be success for all of the Vale and I urge everyone to get behind Cowbridge before voting ends on October 31.

All voting will be conducted over social media, with voters able to use Facebook, Twitter or Instagram using both of the hashtags #MYHIGHSTREET and #GBHSCowbridge to register their vote and there is no limit to how many times we can vote.

Welsh Secretary
ALUN CAIRNS
reports to GEM readers

I want to pay tribute to Kate of Sylvia Williams Chemist, Alun John of Arthur John and the rest of the team of traders who have worked extremely hard to champion Cowbridge.

Their hard work has helped to get Cowbridge to this position and it's now down to us as a community to pull together and vote to push them over the finish line.

Cowbridge has made excellent use of an app called NearMeNow, which uses exciting new technology to link customers to discounts and deals. Their use of technology shows how forward looking traders on the High Street are and I have no doubt they could make great use of the financial reward to the winning community to further benefit shoppers.

The local economy across the Vale has seen an upturn over recent years and Cowbridge High Street is increasingly becoming an even more attractive place to set up shop. The traders deserve recognition for their hard work and dedication promoting Cowbridge, so please be sure to register your vote!

Cheers! Barry pub wins award

TYNEWYDD, Barry, has been crowned as the Vale's Parliamentary Pub of the Year after a public vote where pub-goers voted for their favourite pub across the Vale.

Vale MP Alun Cairns held the public vote to determine his choice for the Vale of Glamorgan Parliamentary Pub of the Year, which will be put forward as his nomination in the UK-wide competition held by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Pubs.

Eleven pubs across the area took part in the competition, with hundreds of local residents casting their vote for their favourite. the national competition.

Charity conference called

FOLLOWING the success of last year's inaugural Governance Conference in Cowbridge, Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) is delighted to announce that another conference will be held later this year in Barry.

The theme of this year's conference is 'A Matter of Trust' and will focus on what charities and other third sector organisations need to do to help increase or rebuild the trust of the public in the light of recent events and increasing scrutiny.

The conference will be held on November 7 from 9.30am to 1pm at the Barry Memorial Hall, Gladstone Road, Barry. The event will build upon the success of the first conference and will be a source of advice and networking for anyone connected with the third sector within the Vale and will incorporate GVS' Annual General Meeting.

To reserve a place at one or both events, complete the booking form at www.gvs.wales/news/2018/06/gvs-conference-2018.

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Café hosts charity boxes

MARCO'S Café on Barry Island is supporting Barry Island and Llantwit Major Coastguard's charities during October with a collection box.

A Barry Coastguard spokesman explained: "We are raising £500 to go towards Autism Puzzles Cymru, the Coastguard Association and Mind's 'Blue Light Programme'.

"Having already run several races so far this year including a full marathon, several 10k races and a 10k run with a fully loaded stretcher, our next adventure was the Cardiff half marathon, so you can either support us online or drop a few pennies into the box at the cafe."

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A Tom Jones tribute act? It's not unusual

BARRY Town Mayor Cllr Janice Charles is hosting a Tom Jones Night on Friday, October 19 at 7.30pm at the Sea Shore Bar & Grill, Beach Road, Sully (CF64 5UG).

Tickets are £20 and the evening will include live entertainment from Tom Jones tribute act Robb Dee, a buffet and raffle. Tickets from Barry Town Council Offices, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry (CF62 8NA) or for more information contact 01446 704921 or e-mail juliehurd@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk.

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Child at risk costs Vale Council £471,000 a year

THE Vale Council is paying £471,380 per year to keep one 14-year-old boy in a secure unit after a pattern of 'complex and challenging behaviour'.

The Vale council is also spending £241,800 per year to keep a seven-year-old girl old in a specialist foster home.

The Vale is just one of many councils in Wales facing increasing costs to look after challenging cases amid unprecedented demand for children's services.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) spends an average of £160,000 per year for each child sent to out-of-county placements, it was revealed in March.

The cost of the most challenging looked after children dwarfs the money spent on the highest security adult prisoners. It costs around £80,000 a year to hold an inmate at the most expensive category A prison, HMP Whitemoor.

Children who are taken into specialist homes or secure units are there for several different reasons, but many will have often suffered the worst forms of physical, sexual or emotional abuse or neglect early in their lives.

Their backgrounds lead to behaviours which mean they are unable to be placed at a foster home for an extended period of time and need to be monitored around the clock to prevent causing harm to themselves or others.

They could be at risk of drug and abuse, self-harm, or falling into the hands of drugs or sex trafficking gangs.

This means councils and specialist providers have to step in and children often have to be sent across Britain to receive emergency care.

The majority of the costs at residential homes are down to having qualified staff monitoring and caring for the children around the clock, while some providers are also registered special schools to provide education.

Gareth Hemming, director of Genus Care which provides children's homes in the area said: "I would hate for people to think that money is being wasted. This child deserves whatever money is being spent on them; they need it.

"The local authorities have my sympathy because they have got to look after these children and that care costs money."

In the case of the 14-year-old boy in the Vale, the council has revealed he became looked after in May 2016 due to his complex and challenging behaviour.

A council report said: "His behaviour quickly became too challenging to be managed within foster care and he was excluded from mainstream school.

"He was placed in a local residential provision, but his behaviour continued to deteriorate and he was further excluded from the pupil referral unit. He was then placed in a specialist residential school out of the area at a cost of £213,200 per year.

"However, this placement only lasted for three months and with further concerns regarding his behaviour and the risks he posed to himself and others, the local authority applied for a secure order.

"He is now placed in a specialist secure unit costing £471,380 per year."

In the case of the seven-year-old girl, the Vale council said she had been looked after for the past two and a half years.

The report said: "She was placed with an internal foster carer but following her exclusion from school and her increasingly complex behaviour, the placement broke down.

"She was subsequently placed in a therapeutic foster placement, which also broke down.

"Unable to identify a foster placement to meet her current needs, she has now been placed in a specialist residential home costing £241,800 per year.

"It is planned to step this young person down into a foster placement once she has received the appropriate therapeutic support."

In 2017-18, the Vale Council spent £4.132 million on children's care placements – overspending its budget by £560,000.

This was a significant difference from previous years when the budget was underspent by £309,000 in 2016-17 and £183,000 in 2015-16.

The Vale Council report said: "This reflects the increasing costs of residential placements and the complexity of young people placed in residential care rather than an increase in the number of young people place in residential placements."

Local authorities have a statutory duty to provide care, support and accommodation where the needs of a child require this.

Lance Carver, director of social services at the Vale Council, said funding care placements was a challenge for authorities across Wales: "Where a child is looked after, the local authority takes a role as corporate parent.

"These responsibilities include the identification of accommodation appropriate to the child's needs.

"The Vale supports children looked after in a range of settings, always, where this is possible, within their families, or where this cannot be achieved, within foster care or residential placements.

Matt Discombe, Local Democracy Reporter

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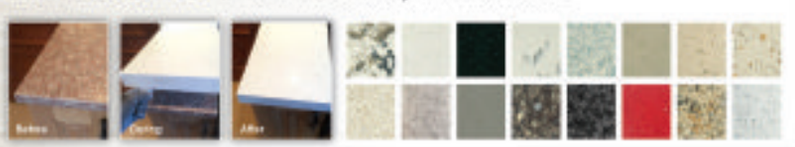

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THE GEM was delighted to have been invited to Avia Speed Shop in Bridgend on October 4 to witness a very special award from Chwarae Teg (or 'Fair Play' in English) being bestowed on owner Hayley Pells.

Hayley was presented with an Exemplar Employer Award from Chwarae Teg. The garage, which has a 50:50 gender split of men and women in qualified technical roles, has been recognised for its work in bringing equality to the motor industry.

It is the first garage in Wales to receive the award.

After the presentation Gill Owens from Chwarae Teg's Agile Nation scheme said: "Motor mechanic is an under-represented career choice for women, so it's wonderful to see, not only a managing director being female, but also Hayley employing 50 per cent male and female employees."

Hayley said: "It's really important to the business to encourage diversity. The award is really import-ant to us and it has improved the business as a whole."

James Blaireau, one of those attending, said: "I began taking my MX5 to Avia Speed Shop because another MX5 owner recommended it.

"I walked in to be greeted by a very competent young mechanic called Rebecca, who not only knew exactly what she was talking about, but also has a clear passion for cars and her work.

"It's great to see."

In the last month, Avia Speed Shop has also been accredited by the Motor Ombudsman, a kite marked organisation affiliated with Trading Standards, showing its commitment to high standards and a fair industry for both consumers and employees alike.

Quick off the (breeze) blocks for triathlon

OLYMPIANS Helen and Marc Jenkins officially started this year's Wales Property Triathlon.

The annual triathlon, now in its sixth year organised by construction and property firm Jehu Group, took place at the weekend in aid of The Trussell Trust, in a bid to help stop food poverty.

Staff from Jehu Group came to together with many of their clients including Coastal Housing Group, Newydd Housing Association and Wales and West Housing to take part in the sprint triathlon, which involved a 500m pool swim, 20k bike ride and 5k run.

Taking first prize for the male and female categories was husband and wife duo Jamie and Mel Best from Melin Consultants, while the fastest team was Tondu Wheelers Ringers, made up of Marc Jenkins, Vincent Thomas and Lee Howells.

Mr Jenkins said: "This has been such a fantastic event not only to raise awareness for The Trussell Trust, but it's great bringing the community together to participate in sport."

Jehu has taken part in a number of fundraising activities throughout the year in support of The Trussell Trust, its chosen charity for 2018, including a band night held in Cardiff's Tramshed.

Jehu's original property triathlon was started in honour of former Jehu Group employee, Hugh Walker, who lost his life aged 46, just four months after being diagnosed with a brain tumour. The family-run construction and property firm has also supported Llamau the homeless charity and CALM male suicide prevention charity.

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Screen your teen session

CARDIOVASCULAR disease is said to account for a third of all deaths in Wales.

The Welsh Hearts charity is holding part-funded heart screening sessions at Cardiff Gate Business Park on Saturday, October 13, from 9am–4pm.

Welsh Hearts aims to raise awareness of undiagnosed heart conditions, by providing easily accessible and affordable screening to communities in Wales.

The heart-screening event is open to teens in Wales from ages 10 to 18, and the screening session is in memory of Ashlee McFarland, who died aged 22 from an undiagnosed heart condition.

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News from The Ramblers and Valeways walking groups

IN gorgeous autumnal weather, with a crisp morning which grew warmer in the sunshine and under blue skies, Rachel and her group of seven walkers from Penarth and District Ramblers set off by road through the idyllic hamlet of Castellau, with its perfect duck pond.

Winding through woodland and across fields, they stopped for morning break near the entrance to Tyla-Winder Farm before crossing a stream and beginning their climb on forestry tracks festooned with Himalayan Balsam at Mynydd Gelliwion.

Exiting onto an old coal tip used for motor cycle scrambling and with brilliant views towards the central Brecon Beacons and the flat top of Tylorstown Tip, they headed through farmland to their lunch stop, utilising stone walling to sit on with grand views out over the Bristol Channel.

A road led them downhill past Rackett Cottages and Treferig House and entering woodland, an old disused railway line beside the Nant Muchudd stream led them to Treferig Isha, with its resident pigs, Dot and Patch, before fields brought them back to Castellau and a return to their start.

The following day dawned overcast, cold and windy, when Robin, spaniel Pepper and their six companions set out from Mynydd Du in the lovely Grwyne Fawr Valley heading along the river before beginning a steep climb on narrow tricky paths. Pausing from time to time to catch their breath and enjoy the surrounding views, their stop for morning break was very much appreciated and on reaching the ridgeway, Pen y Gadair Fawr stood in front of them.

Life in this valley changed when in 1912 an influx of workers who were housed in a specially-built village came to work on the Grwyne Fawr reservoir and because of lack of labour during World War Two, along with other problems of building the reservoir in such an isolated position, it was not opened until 1928.

Heading north along the ridge to the highest peak in the Black Mountains, Waun Fach, where the Brecon Beacons National Park staff have been carrying out extensive work to prevent erosion and preserve the fragile peat bogs, they continued to the top of the valley before stopping for lunch. Crossing to Rhos Dirion and heading southeastwards, the long ridge separating Grwyne Fawr and the Vale of Ewyas lay before them and on reaching the Blacksmith's Anvil they descended the hillside and made their way back through the forest to end a splendid day's walking.

On October 13, meet at 9.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a six-mile moderate walk at Bryngarw; contact Jan/John on 01446 418514.

On October 14, meet at 9am at Cogan for an 11-mile moderate walk taking in the Usk reservoir and Llyn y Fan Fach; contact John R on 07484 844533.

On October 17, the mid-week 17-mile strenuous walk takes in the Llanbedr Horseshoe in the Black Mountains; contact William on 07528 701952.

Joy Strangward

MEANWHILE, the members of Valesways also went on a stroll.

Autumnal weather can be lovely and on such a day, 11 walkers started at the Six Bells in Penmark for a walk with Valeways.

They set off through the village to cross Barren Hill with cattle following them, before dropping into the valley to cross the Kenson River and climb up the other side to Pen-Onn.

They followed the road towards Llancarfan before turning off and heading back uphill to Broomhill and Flaxland. Using great care not to excite the mothers, the walkers passed a newborn calf, no more than two hours old and several other very young calves, before reaching the road and turning left.

A short walk on the road brought them to The Talbots, where they crossed a field and went into Coed Garnllwyd Nature Reserve. On leaving this reserve, a coffee stop was made as the sun continued to shine.

Suitably refreshed, they followed the river valley into Llancarfan where they crossed the ford and went into the church to see the famous wall paintings.

Heading out of the village, they rejoined the river valley and followed it through open grassland to join the road at Penmark Hill, where a short walk brought then back to the pub.

The pub's free range chickens were ruling the car park and before going in for food and drink, Paul had to remove one potential escapee from his car – and Trevor had to guard his scampi and chips very carefully.

John Treby, Valeways Walk Leader

Appetite for livestock market among farmers

A REPORT looking at the needs of local farmers and determining whether a viable livestock market is needed in the Vale has been published.

The report was commissioned by Creative Rural Communities, the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Rural Regeneration initiative in partnership with NFU, FUW, local farmers and the current market operators.

There was overwhelming support for the continued need for traditional livestock auctions locally with strong support for the need to provide for mixed livestock sales in the right location.

While the number of livestock markets has declined in recent years, they still provide 50 per cent of livestock sales across the UK.

An extensive programme of consultation and engagement took place to inform the study findings and conclusions. Some 95 individual conversations with farmers and other stakeholders were held and a further 120 people responded to the online survey.

Cllr Jonathan Bird, cabinet member for regeneration and planning said: "Any new market would need to be viable with the right mix of funding and operating model and located appropriately, minimising site constraints."

With understandable concerns over the future uncertainty for sheep production post-Brexit, all stakeholders felt strongly that a new facility should not be a 'like for like' replacement and should be used for more than one day per week.

Other multiple uses need to be factored into the construction and operation of a new appropriately located site. Revenue from the livestock sales could be supplemented by holding other non-livestock sales.

A new market facility could also help farmers to diversify and add value to their products through provision of shared facilities such as meat cutting and access to cold storage; helping them to build direct sales to consumers.

ICE BRIDGE BUILT

PUPILS and staff at St Nicholas Church in Wales Primary School recently took part in an ICE Bridges to Schools initiative.

Staff members at Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd, the Civil Engineering and Construction Company, who are currently undertaking the Five Mile Lane Project, are keen to engage with the local community.

Construction of the new Five Mile Lane (A4226) is underway and it is anticipated the road will be completed in the summer of 2019.

Preparatory works, including some land clearance, began in early 2018 and the site compound from which the scheme will be managed was put in place in March this year.

The ambitious activity involves year 5 and year 6 pupils, working together to build a replica of the Prince of Wales Bridge (formerly the Second Severn Crossing).

"The aim," said a spokesperson, "is to engage the children in an enjoyable opportunity to learn about what a career in engineering entails."

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Penarth history month has 'wowed audiences'

A MONTH-long series of events about Penarth's heritage and history has ended, after what organisers say has been an 'incredibly popular' programme with local audiences.

Five talks by specialist speakers about subjects including The Arrival of a Victorian Town, Penarth Dock and Black Gold, Shearwater's Log, Welsh Pirates and the story of the town's famous alabaster deposits, amazed audiences at some of Penarth's most popular venues.

Audience levels were 'impressive' said Penarth Tourism and Visitor Association chairman Anthony Ernest, who praised organiser Martin Gossage for his expertise in bringing together an incredible range of events over the four-week period.

Anthony said: "So many different businesses in the town came together to support History Month, and that brought many visitors and Penarthians into our wide range of food outlets and participating shops, while the window displays and featured venues showed off just how much history Penarth has to offer today's visitor and resident."

Meanwhile 'A Heritage Strategy for Penarth' is the subject of an evening of film and discussion on Saturday, October 13 at 7pm at 'Crepe Escape' in Penarth, organised by the town's Community Heritage Project.

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SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location The road to be closed is the A4226 Waycock Road (5 Mile Lane) Barry from Waycock Cross Roundabout to Sycamore Cross Traffic Lights.

Reason To allow for the new A4226 road construction works to be undertaken.

Duration From 8.00am on 29th October 2018 for a maximum period of 18 months

WHILST THE CLOSURE IS FOR 18 MONTHS, THE ROAD WILL ONLY BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC INTERMITTENTLY FOR SHORT PERIODS. THESE CLOSURES WILL BE NOTIFIED BY ROAD SIGNS IN ADVANCE.

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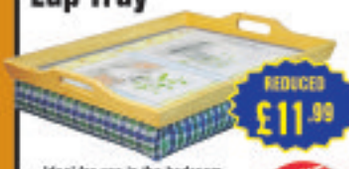

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Encore for classical vocal trio

THERE will be considerable interest this week in the launch of the début album by the classical trio, Athena.

Local woman Ellen Williams is a member of Athena, with Gwawr Edwards and Sioned Terry and a concert in Cardiff to launch the album will also feature the Welsh St Donat's based choir, Cor Heol y March.

The album, entitled *Encore* was recorded on the Sain Records label.

The launch concert is on Saturday, October 13, 7pm at Eglwys Dewi Sant in Cardiff. Tickets are available from Welsh shops Caban, Siop y Felin and the Old Library.

Also performing at the concert are Rhys Hughes, and the Hen Nodiant Choir.

Conkering breast cancer

ON a bright and balmy autumnal afternoon on October 7, around 60 participants took part in the annual Conker Walk, in aid of Breast Cancer Now.

A pleasant stroll through the scenic country park was enjoyed by all and the conditions underfoot were excellent.

The conker tree in the upper car park was festooned with messages commemorating and celebrating those who have suffered from breast cancer. The charity's aim is that by 2050, no-one diagnosed with breast cancer will die from the disease.

Great strides forward have been made over the last 20 years in new diagnostic tools, and focused treatments mean more sufferers survive. New research is targeting secondary breast cancer, where in the past no cure was available and it is hoped even this can be conquered.

This annual event is now firmly established in the local calendar and it is hoped that next year's event will be bigger and better.

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Cadets target shooting success

THE Christ College Combined Cadet Forces (CCF) shooting teams gave up their Exeat weekend (September 29-30) to take part in the 160st Infantry Brigade Cadet Skill at Arms Meeting (CADSAAM).

Teams from across Wales competed in a series of tests to find the top cadet shooters.

On three different ranges and at multiple distances, Christ College succeeded in getting two firers into the top 12 individual shoot-off on Saturday and beat Llandovery by 69 points in the race for the trophy for the best CCF on Sunday morning.

Finally, old rivalries were rekindled during the falling plate competition on Sunday afternoon, with Christ College B team meeting Llandovery College B team, and in a repeat of the 2017 final, Christ College A team meeting Monmouth A team in the first round. Shooting against very strong teams, neither of the Christ College teams progressed into the quarter finals.

At the prize giving ceremony, Colonel Cadet for Wales David Hammond presented Cadet Regimental Sergeant Major Trevethan with the trophy for best CCF. The cup for the best individual shot in Wales was presented to Cadet Sergeant Morgan of Christ College's A team, with Cadet Lance Corporal Lewis from the school's B team in third place.

Mark Bevan, CCF School Staff Instructor at Christ College, said: "We are very proud of both our teams and as the standard of shooting within the Brigade increases year on year, they knew they would need to push hard to retain their title of the top CCF in Wales, and they did.

"It's been a very successful competition which bodes well for the future, not just for our top shooters, but also for our novice firers who we able to gain valuable experience for next year."

Environmental data: Vale Council sets new charges

PEOPLE requesting information about noise, air quality and pollution in the Vale face new charges.

The Vale Council will start charging £25 per hour for requests under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Requests under the 2004 act make up 41 per cent of all formal requests for information received by the council.

The council's cabinet approved the new charges on October 1, and they are effective immediately.

It comes after the Information Commissioner suggested £25 per hour would be a reasonable charge for environmental information requests, a council report says.

People unable to pay the new charges would be able to apply to the council's information manager for an exemption or modified rate.

"This will be determined on a case by case basis taking into account the economic situation of the person requesting the information and any undue hardship on them and the public interest in the protection of the environment," the policy says.

The majority of costs to the council in processing environmental information requests related to staff time, a report from the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee found.

Under its newly-adopted access to information policy, the council will also not provide information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for requests which would take longer than 18 hours to complete.

A Vale Council spokesman said: "The council is considering broadening the services for which it charges to include a fee for providing certain environmental information. This would be £25 per hour, or part of that hour, for the staff time it takes to locate, retrieve and extract such information and put it in the required format.

"The introduction of this fee would be in line with Information Commissioner guidance and the Council's Income Generation and Commercial Opportunities Strategy as we strive to maintain services at a time of diminishing budgets.

"No profit will be made from the proposal and requesters will be advised of the anticipated cost upfront."

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

Meet the author

TARA Westover, will be at Glamorganshire Golf Club on the evening of Tuesday, October 16 to discuss her memoir *Educated*.

Raised by a Mormon survivalist family in rural Idaho, when she was growing up she didn't officially exist as her parents didn't believe in school, organised healthcare, or even register her birth.

Despite this, Tara Westover eventually gained a PhD from Cambridge.

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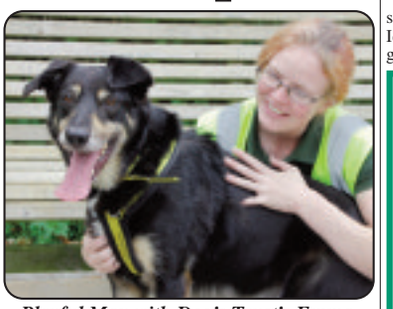

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Out & About with The GEM

Hardy shines, but *Venom* lacks bite

WHEN *The Amazing Spider-Man 2* failed to set the world alight, it wasn't a good time for the studio distributing the film, Sony.

Intent on building a cinematic universe to match Marvel's, the relative failure of the sequel saw a chain of events unfold where Spider-Man (still under the umbrella of Sony) finally entered the MCU (and made a pretty good fist of it, as well).

As for Sony, their hopes of creating their own universe of Spider-Man-related characters (and they own the rights to over 900 of them apparently) starts with *Venom*. It stars Tom Hardy as Eddie Brock, a reporter who, after infiltrating the laboratories of Carlton Drake (Riz Ahmed) for a story, is exposed to an alien symbiote that takes over his body – Venom.

With Venom on the streets, Drake must track down and stop the alien, while Brock must learn to live with his new companion and stop Drake's nefarious plan to use the symbiotes for his own means...

We first met Venom in *Spiderman 3*, Sam Raimi's ill-thought-out threequel that, among its many crimes, wasted one of the most sought-after Marvel characters by throwing him into a convoluted plot and blowing his big screen debut.

Eleven years later, the character of Venom gets a redux, but while the film itself does a better job of handling the character, it's within the confines of a cookie-cutter action blockbuster that does little to raise the pulse.

The coup of Tom Hardy essaying the role of Eddie Brock and Venom is a big one and to that end, the actor delivers a kooky yet very enjoyable turn. Brock is an investigative reporter with Woody Allen's voice, and when his world falls apart, he goes chasing after the story of Drake, which is where his relationship with Venom begins.

If the opening 20 minutes feels clunky, it does get into a rhythm about the time Brock and Venom become one. What follows is Hardy putting in another fine turn, the inner (and outer) conflict between a man not quite knowing what's happening and an alien symbiote with a predilection for eating people's heads makes it an interesting one, thanks to Hardy's turn.

by GARETH JAMIESON
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What's less interesting, mainly due to the writing, are the characters around him. For a film to have Michelle Williams and Riz Ahmed in main roles and give them absolutely nothing of note to work with is terrible.

Williams, as Brock's ex-fiancee Anne, who gets embroiled in his situation, has no character depth and is simply there as a facilitator to the plot, while Ahmed's villainous Drake may have a distinct lack of morality, and an icy-cold detachment, but there's nothing intriguing about the character.

He's a boo-hiss, basic comic-book villain in the extreme, and it's a shame that neither Williams nor Ahmed are used to the potential, as there is certainly scope within the story to delve a little deeper.

Given that the film is 111 minutes long, you would expect a greater narrative depth and weight to proceedings – but there just isn't. There are plot holes and unanswered questions in most parts of the story, while the elements that could create some depth and emotional resonance; Eddie and Anne's relationship, Venom's desire to stay on earth and why, among many – are glossed over or dealt with in one line.

Director Ruben Fleischer has shown with *Zombieland* and *Gangster Squad* that he's a director who is solid at delivering spectacle while also being offbeat enough to give his films an edge.

While he shows that here, introducing an element of knockabout humour, the action beats themselves are highly generic and also fall down with lacklustre CGI, although the rendering of the characters themselves, in particular Venom, is done well.

You can't help but feel that although *Venom* has its moments, there's a better film to be made here, one that has a bit more depth and a little more adventure than this by-the-numbers offering.

Marvel Studios, in particular, have raised the game immeasurably when it comes to comic-book adaptations, and *Venom* is a film caught in their slipstream – functional, the odd fleeting flash of inspiration, but ultimately underwhelming.

VERDICT: Sony's Marvel universe gets off to a mixed start; *Venom* a passable, but hardly inspiring, take on the iconic character.

Tom Hardy delivers another decent turn, but the film wastes its high-calibre cast and offers little that is fresh or exciting. Instead it's a pedestrian outing that could have been so much better. *Average*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Zombieland* (2009), *Deadpool* (2016).

Carry on screening

ON Saturday, October 13, Dinas Powys Community Cinema will show *The Leisure Seeker*, a comedy starring Helen Mirren and Donald Sutherland.

The cinema can be found at the Murchfield Community Centre, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys CF64 4QQ. Doors open 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Tickets are available on the door, from the DPVC office at the rear of the Community Centre (weekday mornings) or via ticketline.co.uk/murchfield community centre.

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Events and entertainment in your area

Ward councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale and town councillors for Gibbonsdown Ward will be holding an advice surgery on Saturday, October 13 at Coastlands Church Hall, Tennyson Road, Barry from 10am until 11am; no appointment necessary.

Scout jumble

1ST Dinas Powys Scout group jumble sale is on Saturday, October 13 at 1.30.m at the Scout Hall, Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys (CF64 4AG). Admission 50p.

Penarth Heritage Project exhibit

FOLLOWING two years of a history month local residents are invited to further contribute to 'A Heritage Strategy for Penarth'.

Penarth Community Heritage Project are presenting a plan to bring together the public, business, institutions, local government, historians and academia in a coordinated display and celebration of Penarth heritage.

The presentation at Crepe Escape, Glebe Street on Saturday, October 13 at 7pm will feature a new short film, *Penarth's Lost Railway* as an example of a virtual museum and a new railway path town trail.

Harvest thanksgiving

ZOAR Presbyterian Church, Bonvilston, is holding a harvest thanksgiving service on Wednesday, October 17 at 3pm.

The service will be led by Rev Lee Dutfield with afternoon tea to follow. A collection will be taken for the Vale Food Bank; everyone welcome.

Community cinema

FOR the 100th anniversary of the First World War's end, Rhoose Community Cinema is screening *Journey's End* (12a) on Friday, October 19 at Stewart Road Community Centre, Rhoose.

Doors open 6.45pm, showtime 7.15pm. All tickets £5.

There will be a volunteer from The Royal British Legion attending, who will be selling poppy merchandise and Rhoose Community Cinema are proud to be sponsoring the Lamppost Poppies, which will shortly be erected through the village to commemorate our fallen heroes.

For further information on cinema or the Lamppost poppies, contact Jo on 07986 907151.

Choral concert

COWBRIDGE and Pontypridd Choral Societies are joining forces to perform works from Faure's *Requiem* and Vivaldi's *Gloria* at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, on Saturday, October 20 at 7pm under the baton of Jeff Ryan.

Soloists are Camilla Roberts, Hannah Ovett and Adam Gilbert with John Cheer at the organ. Admission £10, students free. Tickets available from Davies newsagent, box office 01446 792175, choir members and at the door.

Penarth Local History Society

A TALK by Richard Britton on medieval Cardiff revisited will be held tonight (Thursday, October 11) at All Saints' lesser hall, Penarth at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome, entrance fee £2 for non-members. Please come and support your local history society.

Cowbridge Art Society

ON Thursday, October 11 there will be an assisted workshop which, on this occasion, is a practical evening of life drawing led by members of the society.

The following week, October 18 there will be a still life demonstration in oil paints by Raglan artist Mike Skidmore (*www.mikeskidmoreonline.com*)

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm – 9pm) and occasional visitors (small fee) and new members are most welcome. For details of the society's programme and activities collect a programme from the Old Hall, or see *www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas*

Lunchtime recitals at All Saints'

ON Saturday, October 13 soprano Olivia Gomez will perform at All Saints' Church, Barry at 1pm.

Admission is free, tea and coffee will be served and all donations received will go towards the All Saints' roof fund.

Table top sale

THERE will be a table top sale in Peterston-super-Ely church and community hall in aid of hall funds on Saturday, October 13 from 10am-12 noon; entry is free and everyone is most welcome.

To book a table and for further details contact Pat on 01446 760267, tables are £5.

This is in addition to the usual village market, where we sell delicious homemade cakes, preserves, produce, plants and a very extensive collection of books. All proceeds go towards the improvement and maintenance of the hall. We are also taking bookings for interesting quality craft stalls for our Christmas Market and Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, December 8 from 10am- 2pm.

Valeways guided walks

ON Sunday, October 14 see Merthyr Dyfan Revealed; meet at 2pm in Tesco car park, Port Road, Barry.

On Wednesday, October 17 at 10.30am the Coffee Shop Strollers of Barry meet in the Bridge Cafe car park, Barry.

The same day at 2.30pm the Coffee Shop Strollers of Cowbridge meet at the Physic Garden fountain in Cowbridge.

Vale Association of National Trust members

THE next meeting of the Association will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday, October 17 in the Baronial Hall of the Duke of Wellington.

The topic will be The Welsh Marches and the speaker will be Andrew Allott (author of 'The Marches' in the Collins New Naturalist series). All are welcome to this meeting, doors open at 7pm.

Marconi's assistant

THE Flatholm Society is hosting a talk on George Kemp, assistant to Marconi, by Glyn Jones of BARS at the Kymin, Beach Road, Penarth at 7.30pm on Thursday, October 18.

We ask for a donation of £2 to cover costs (tea or coffee); there will also be a raffle.

For further information contact Peter Sampson on 01446 404842 or pb.sampson@ntlworld.com.

Marine artist exhibition

POPULAR local marine artist Nick John Rees is returning to Cowbridge with a new exhibition following the success of his sell-out exhibition earlier in the year.

It will feature over 40 original paintings plus a range of signed, limited edition prints. Much of the work features views from along the Heritage Coast but there is also work from further afield.

The exhibition is being held at 23b High Street from October 18 – 28 and will be open every day. For more information see *www.nickjohnrees.com*.

PACT meetings

COME along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

Buttrills PACT at Barry Town Council offices on Thursday, October 25 at 6.30pm.

Neighbourhood officers will be at Penarth Library on Tuesday, October 23 at 10am.

A coffee & chat will be held at Cobbles restaurant at 11am on Tuesday, October 23.

Help with Lottery application

BRIDGEND Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) is offering one-to-one appointments at Ynysawdre Parish Room on Wednesday, October 24 for local voluntary organisations and groups to meet staff from the Big Lottery Fund to discuss applying for funding for their projects. 30-minute meetings are available by appointment.

Contact BAVO on 01656 810400 or at *bavo@bavo.org.uk* by Friday, October 19.

Diabetes group meeting cancelled

THE Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK voluntary group's meeting of October 16 has been cancelled, and the next meeting will be Tuesday, November 20 in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth from 7.30pm – 9pm.

November's speaker will be Dr Lindsay George, consultant physician of diabetes and endocrinology, with diabetes nurses, conducting a question and answer session.

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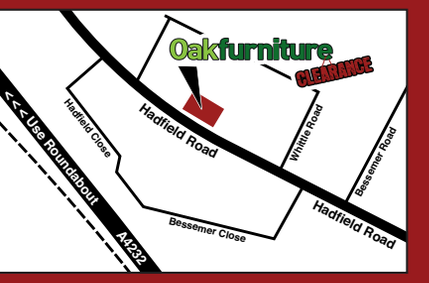

Educating Barry – building the schools to teach thousands of new arrivals

Looking at local history – article by Laurie Owen

BARRY historian Laurie Owen has been writing a series of articles for The GEM on the period (roughly 1880 to 1908) when Barry grew rapidly from a small village to a large town.

In this article, he continues his look at the problems of arranging education for a new population.

THE church school in Cadoxton could no longer cope with a population of 300 in the parish and 150 in Merthyr Dovan; as a result, the Education Department sanctioned the establishment of the first 'School Board' in 1874.

D Davies Joseph, David Griffiths, W Lowrie, R Spickett Thomas and Jenkin Thomas held their first meeting at the old Wenvoe Arms (then The Three Bells). Following objections by some members, the Board Clerk Oliver Jenkins offered the use of his family home, New House.

Cadoxton School.

In June 1875, Lord of the Manor Captain Jenner of Wenvoe Castle gave half an acre of land on the common for the erection of the first Cadoxton School, capable of accommodating 72 children. A quarter of an acre for any future extension was promised, but following his death in May 1883, the estate went into chancery.

The first Master was Thomas Sergeant, followed by Samuel Foster, TO Jenkins, CF Williams of Dinas Powis and then in October 1877, Thomas Ewbank became headteacher.

A single young man from Westmoreland, he initially was a boarder at New House with the family of Oliver Jenkins. After marrying Sarah, the couple lived at 1 Mill Road in 1881 with two young daughters, before moving to Darren House, Iddesleigh Street, confusingly recorded as 'Barry Dock Town' when in fact it was Cadoxton.

By 1880 it was compulsory for children aged 5-10 to attend school, with the leaving age increased to 12 nine years later.

Thomas Andrew Walker, the illustrious contractor who arrived in 1884 to build the Docks and Railway, became an important man in the shaping of the community, leaving some Cadoxton residents unhappy with his power and influence.

When the fifth School Board was appointed in 1885 it was known locally as 'Walker's Board', because of the alleged predominance of 'Walkerian' interests. Dr George Neale was chairman, with CH Walker (then J Barstow), James Railton (ED Jones), R Spickett Thomas, John John and Oliver Jenkins as clerk.

The doctor, a civil engineer, two farmers and a surveyor soon realised the enormity of the job in hand.

As illustrated, TA Walker opened a school for the children of his workers at 57 Queen Street, doubtless causing irritation to some.

Before work began on the docks, there were 134 children living in 126 houses, on paper an average of one child per house. However, 577 houses had since been erected and the school was crammed with pupils, forcing them to find space for infants in the new public hall in Vere Street at a rental of £40 pa.

The first extension 50L x 25W x 15 feet high had been built for £1,024 by 1887, to accommodate 240 pupils.

HM Inspectors examined Cadoxton School in November 1889, classifying the overall teaching as 'good', but accommodation was totally inadequate for the number of children. 'Grant' money of 17s 6d per head, would be lost if they did not provide the requisite space per child and good attendance.

In desperation, they sought to limit the space to eight feet per child, until they could supply enough room. Ironically, while unable to accommodate the numbers of children needing education, David Griffiths was still employed as Attendance Officer to pursue truants, with parents often being fined.

With 986 schoolchildren in Cadoxton and 485 in Merthyr Dovan, providing an education for such numbers in just two schools was impossible. East Barry averaged 300 pupils for its first three months, until measles forced the school to close for three weeks.

At a Board meeting, Joshua Barstow c1834 reflected on conditions when he was a boy, with most children over six working in factories or collieries and leaving for work at 5am in all weathers.

This was likely a response to complaints of overcrowding and pupils being so cold they had to march around the room to keep warm, because two oil lamps could not give enough heat.

ED Jones reported that TA Walker would supply water to the schools from the reservoir he had constructed just above the old Iron Church, where St Paul's would later be built. With the cost set at one guinea a year, Mr Barstow suggested that as the mains were being laid, a hydrant should be fixed in case of fire.

David Davies completed his £1,900 contract to further enlarge the school in 1891 and the official opening in May, was a grand affair with the great and the good in attendance. Chairman John Lowdon was proud to announce that 240 girls would be upstairs and 249 boys in the basement, with the old school converted for 798 infants.

Just three years later, the £6,957 tender from George Rutter to further extend the school was accepted.

Of interest to some older residents of Barry, in November 1891 Manchester siblings Joseph and Emily Wensley were teaching the boys and girls respectively. Twenty years later, Joseph had married and was living at 22 Canon Street with son George Richard and daughter Evelyn Pattie aged 7. It seems possible that when I attended Romilly Juniors in the 1940s our headmistress Miss Wensley was that young girl of seven in 1911.

Cadoxton was growing three times as fast as East Barry and the suggested bias referred to earlier reared its head when a new school costing £3,744.10s was built at High Street, with no extra facilities being supplied at Cadoxton.

East Barry School opened in August 1889 and in time would have three separate blocks for different ages with a Master's Residence at a rental of £20pa. Thomas Higman was proud to be awarded the 1st Class Master's Certificate in December.

The school which was 'not urgently required' was soon overcrowded and just four years later, extensions were built by George Rutter. With a large cooking kitchen in the basement for 80 girls, it could accommodate 230 boys, 240 girls and 180 infants.

In October 1908, even more space was provided by William Britton for £6,308.

Barry Docks Office by Cath Mudford.

At the opening ceremony, the committee were pleased to announce that they had spent a total of £137,000 on land and schools, currently employed 280 teachers with 250 of them being trained. There were 7,246 scholars with average attendance of 93.44 per cent and importantly, with only 32 pupils in a class.

In 1891, John Edwin Rees was appointed the new head of East Barry to replace Mr Higman, who was transferring to Holton.

In June 1890, the School Board had a major review of salaries in an effort to attract the best teachers. Headmasters would in future be paid £150pa rising to £170, while a trained Mistress received £60-70 and teachers' salaries varied by qualifications between £40-70.

Grants paid to schools based on pupils' exam success was abolished.

All children living outside the district had to pay a full school fee of 9d a week. With fees averaging 3d a week per child, in the 1891 half-year the Board received £166 and a £350 grant based on pupil attendance. At the same meeting Miss AE Burbidge asked for a wage increase because she had recently passed the necessary exam, but members refused even though her colleague at school had been granted the rise.

On the 1st September 1891, it was announced that education would now be free. This would be of major significance to pauper children, who could finally attend a 'normal' school and it opened up a whole new world. The School Board had been advised that they would be better off with grants than they had been with school fees.

The school week began on Monday, August 31 with free education on Tuesday, so the Board agreed to give pupils a holiday on the Monday in celebration of this special occasion.

With urgent need in the Holton area a temporary infants' school was held in October 1890 at the Congregational Chapel, costing £30pa.

Holton Road Infants School opened on November 2, 1891 and Miss EV Llewellyn was selected out of 41 applicants to leave Cadoxton to be its Headmistress, with Miss MJ Wilcox replacing her.

To celebrate the completion of Holton Road Elementary School at a cost of £15,242, in December 1891 builder W Symonds gave a lavish dinner at the Royal Hotel, in thanks to all the Barry men who had worked on the school.

Amazingly there were 188 applicants, but Thomas Higman was promoted from East Barry School as Head of Boys.

Out of 43 applications and actually the second choice candidate, Miss Jemima Sym Fleming LLA was chosen to be the Girls' Mistress. Her vast experience and comprehensive CV, with certificates for teaching French, German, Latin, algebra, Euclid, physiology and botany as well as all the basics, begged the question why she had not been appointed from the outset. As an accomplished singer who also played the piano, her starting salary was £60pa in comparison with the £150 of Mr. Higman, further highlighting the position of women in the profession.

On a positive note, the school would be heated by hot water pipes instead of open fires. Thomas Higman died in 1902 after a long and painful illness and during his time as headmaster, this was the largest elementary school in Wales.

Romilly Infants' School opened in November 1893, with headmistress SJ Lowther and accommodation for 400 children. Built by George Rutter for £3,000 on an acre of land bought from the Barry Estate Company, there was enough room for the later addition of a boys' and girls' school.

This was the fourth school built by the School Board which now provided accommodation for 3,200 children, excluding St Helen's School which was funded by the Catholic Church.

When Romilly Girls' School was built five years later, George Rutter's tender was £68 dearer than Jones Bros, so their price of £2,265 was accepted. Then in 1905, when tenders were sought to build the Romilly Boys' School, a marathon debate ensued when a quote from the local builder William Britton of £4,865.10s was accepted, even though it was £67.10s higher than that of DW Davies.

The Cardiff builder protested vehemently and was supported by many councillors who insisted this was a dangerous precedent and one which could backfire in the future. To favour a local man and not accept the lowest price was against the usual practice when dealing with ratepayers' money.

William Britton duly erected the boys' school and in January 1906 attended the formal opening, when he was commended for his workmanship. Among a large group of influential people, headmaster RT Evans formerly at Barry Island announced it could accommodate 346 boys in seven classrooms with a large assembly hall.

The headmistress of Barry Island Infants' School, Miss Masterman, was provided with a piano for musical drill in May 1898. Jones Bros later built the first 'mixed' Elementary School in Barry, at a cost of £6,000 and when opened in May 1900, the headmaster was RT Evans.

In July 1897, Cardiff builder David Davies' tender of £2,940 was accepted, to build Palmerstown Infants' School. Following several delays and a dispute with the architect, Miss Hirons was finally selected as headmistress in early 1899.

Alban Richards' £12,862.7s.5d tender to build Hannah Street School was accepted in October 1898, costing more per head than any school built prior to that time. Following delays, it was early 1900 before the infants' School opened, with Miss Hirons as headmistress, having transferred from Palmerstown.

When the boys' school opened the headmaster was JE Rees with a salary of £240 and Miss Fraser was headmistress of the girls' school. In late 1904, the surveyor was asked to cost the supply of electricity to the school from the destructor.

In February 1906, the Education Committee recommended that Alban Richards build Gladstone Road School, playground and caretaker's house for £16,790. The infants' school opened the following May with headmistress Miss Jenkins, having transferred from Holton.

Four months later headmaster Lloyd Jones and headmistress Lizzie Cargill were in position at the boys' and girls' school. Described as the best in town and the most up-to-date in the country, the buildings could accommodate 402 boys, 402 girls and 400 infants, with great emphasis on the pupils being properly fed and clothed.

In 1906, councils were given the power to provide free school meals, with breakfast and dinner to cost about 1s a week, but six years later only 50 per cent had complied because they were paid out of the rates. Better-off families, of course, had to pay.

Rumours of a girls' secondary school began, when governors of the Intermediate County School were seen with county councillors, inspecting the site adjoining Gladstone.

The eight Board Schools illustrated the sheer volume of young people in need of a good education in those early years. The various board members and councillors could take satisfaction from a job well done, especially alongside the many other demands on their time.

St Helen's Catholic School, the two county schools, the truant school at Dinas Powis and the training college, will feature in the final part of this story.

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ON A WING AND A PRAYER: LOCAL MEN TAKE TO THE SKIES IN WORLD WAR ONE

IN another of The GEM's specially-commissioned articles in advance of Remembrance Sunday, military historian Dr Jonathan Hicks writes on local airmen who fought in the First World War.

ON November 29, 1917 an Act of Parliament establishing the Royal Air Force received the Royal Assent of King George V. Until 1918, and the formation on April 1 of the Royal Air Force by the combining of the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service, the RFC was part of the British Army and was divided into naval and military wings.

Wales provided pilots, observers, ground crew and other logistical support to all branches of the service.

On December 20, 1914 Captain Wilfred Picton-Warlow took off from the Air Park at St Omer in France in a Blériot XI two-seater monoplane. He was on his way back home on leave, and it was the custom under such circumstances to allow pilots to fly a redundant aircraft back to Britain. The Blériot XI was being taken out of service at this time as it was found to be too slow in climbing with a full military load.

Picton-Warlow was born at Laleston in Bridgend on April 6, 1884. He was the younger son of Colonel John Picton Turbevill of Ewenny Priory, Bridgend and a relation of General Thomas Picton of Waterloo fame. Educated at Clifton College and Elizabeth College, Guernsey, he had joined the Guernsey Militia and subsequently the Welsh Regiment in January 1903. He served with the battalion in India and South Africa before joining the Royal Flying Corps in August 1913.

He was last seen flying over Calais but he never arrived in England and was presumed dead, aged 30. Although the visibility from Calais to Dover was clear, there were some high banks of cloud and it was assumed that Picton-Warlow had flown into these, lost his bearings, become disoriented and crashed; perhaps even running out of fuel beforehand.

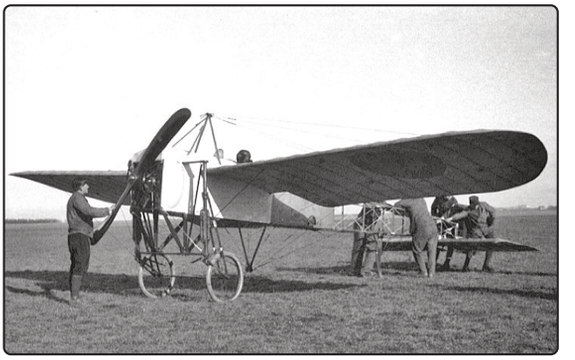
He left behind a widow, Eleanor, and is commemorated on the Arras Flying Services Memorial. Ivor his brother served with the 1st Gordon Highlanders and was taken prisoner in September 1914, spending the rest of the war in internment. Ivor's twin brother Arthur joined the East African Rifles and died of malaria on active service on November 8, 1917.

Captain David Roy Jenkins died on January 21, 1917 aged 28 and was buried in St Mary Churchyard in Nolton, Bridgend. His parents lived nearby in Brackla. A local newspaper reported his death:

'***Sad End to Promising Career***

We deeply regret to announce the death, as the result of a flying accident on Salisbury Plain of Captain D Roy Jenkins, RFC, son of Mr Jacob Jenkins, Bridgend, head of the firm of Messrs Charles Jenkins and Son, timber merchants. The intimation reached Bridgend on Sunday last through a wire from a brother officer, Lieutenant Eric Hughes (son of Sir Thomas Hughes, Cardiff).'

'The accident occurred on Sunday morning. Lieutenant Jenkins seems to have gone up about mid-day, alone. He was up about a couple of hours, when it was surmised that something went wrong with the mechanism of the machine, and he fell. He was found some three miles from the camp. It is a strange and melancholy coincidence that the last flying accident on Salisbury Plain resulted in the death of another Bridgend officer, Lieutenant W Irvine.



Flying on a wing (and with string) and a prayer: a Blériot XI.

Captain David Jenkins, Royal Flying Corps.

'Captain Jenkins, who was the younger son of Mr. Jacob Jenkins, was for several years a lieutenant in the RFA (Territorial Force), under Colonel Gilling. About eighteen months ago he was promoted to the rank of captain. After training in England, he went with his brigade to France. He was only two months in that country, being then drafted out to Egypt, where he remained for nine months. At the end of that time he volunteered for the Flying Service in France, and came home for the necessary instruction. He had only been at the camp on Salisbury Plain since a fortnight last Monday.

'Captain Jenkins was 27 years of age, and before the war managed for his father the Tunnel Works at Fforest Fach, near Swansea. A brilliant hockey player, he was captain of the Bridgend Hockey Club. He was educated at Christ College, Brecon, and Clifton School.'

The Bridgend platoon of the Glamorgan Volunteers provided a firing party at the head of the funeral procession from his home to St Mary's Church, Nolton. Mrs Jenkins, who was an invalid, suffered heart problems after receiving news of her son's death and died in April 1917.

Air Mechanic 2nd Class Ivor Morgan was 20 when he died of pneumonia at a casualty clearing station on November 7, 1918. He was serving as a wireless operator with 10 Squadron and was from Marlas Farm, Pyle in Bridgend. He was buried in Kezelberg Military Cemetery, east of Ypres.

Air Mechanic 3rd Class Walter John Sheppard died of illness on the same day and was buried in St Mary churchyard, Coity, Bridgend.

Air Mechanic 2nd Class C Grove, 25, died on September 30, 1919. He was buried in St Mary churchyard, Nolton, Bridgend in his home town.

Captain Eric Yorath Hughes also achieved five victories. Born in Bridgend on July 6, 1894 the elder son of Sir Thomas and Lady Hughes, he had served with the Royal Field Artillery from November 1914 in France and Egypt before volunteering for the Royal Flying Corps in August 1916. He joined 46 Squadron in June 1917.

On September 4, 1917 he shot down an Albatros two-seater south of the River Scarpe. A week later, again south of the Scarpe, he shot down an unidentified two-seater and repeated the feat on September 21.

On December 1, he destroyed an Albatros D.III over Cambrai. All these victories were gained flying a Sopwith Pup. He then switched to a Sopwith Camel with 3 Squadron and on December 12 achieved his fifth and final victory when he shot down an Albatros DV, also over Cambrai. He was then withdrawn from front line service.

Hughes survived the war and was a wing commander during the Second World War before retiring from the RAF in 1947. He married Dulcie Maine-Tucker of Penarth on December 17, 1919 in London and died in Hove in Sussex in September 1979.

We will remember them.

***Dr Jonathan Hicks is the author of* Wales and the First Air War 1914-1918.**

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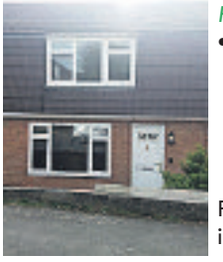

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Bridgend Athletic RFC mini and junior rugby round up

THE Athletic Minis welcomed Pontyclun RFC, another long-established Mini Club, to Newbridge Fields for keenly-contested games on October 8.

In the junior section, the under-15s progressed to the fourth round of the Ospreys Cup.

Bridgend Athletic under-7s played Pontyclun on October 7. The Athletic youngsters, with their ever-growing squad of 22 players once again fielded two teams, the green and golds. Both teams showed great enthusiasm and dedication, some excellent tries were scored by both the Athletic and Pontyclun.

On Sunday, the Ath under-8s were missing a number of regular players, some of whom had turned supporters for the day, for parents taking on the Cardiff Half Marathon.

Despite that, the age group were able to field two teams.

It was evident from the pre-match warm-up that the visitors were a well-drilled outfit who would provide a stiff challenge.

From the first whistle Pontyclun played a great brand of fast paced attacking rugby. The Ath, however, were up for the challenge. Such was the competitive nature of the matches, the overall tag-count was an exhausting 132.

The Ath were made to work for the result but in the end ran out worthy overall winners with two wins and two draws. Each player contributed to, yet again, a wonderful display of entertaining rugby. A great advert for players and supporters of Mini rugby.

Bridgend Athletic under-9s also welcomed Pontyclun, who started strongly with their big ball carriers running at pace and the Ath players finding it difficult to halt them. Pontyclun took an early comfortable lead and it always looked too big a task for the Athletic players to pull this one back. Pontyclun showed a great line speed in defence as well as attack.

Athletic try scorers were Ashton Davies (two), Ethan Davies, Rudi Quinn, Dylan Jones, Max Edwards, Rhys Gardiner and Rory Whyte. Final score Bridgend Athletic 40 Pontyclun 65.

Bridgend Athletic under-11s also welcomed Pontyclun. It is very difficult to describe what went right or wrong with the game on Sunday as Bridgend gave Pontyclun a whitewash.

With three tries conceded in the first two minutes Pontyclun players' heads went down and they suffered from there on. The game was basically over in the first half with 10 tries scored.

The second half finished within five minutes of kick off as Bridgend scored another five tries ending in a 15-0 victory and a 20 mins game in total.

A massive thank you goes to the under-10 coaches and the three under-10s who helped out with the under-11 team, struggling with numbers this season.

The under-13s travelled down the M4 to play Carmarthen Athletic with a squad of 15 eager players.

The Ath started the game at 100 miles an hour with pick and goes from the forwards and handling along the back line leading to tries from Rhys Hockings, Leo Quinn and Iwan Sadd.

With no let-up of the pressure, the Ath added further tries from Rhys Hockings and a full team effort putting Dan Clarke in at the corner, meaning a half time score of 33-0.

The second half started off slowly with mistakes and penalties creeping into the game from both sides. However, the Ath managed to take charge of the game again with 15 minutes to go after some great turnover work by the forwards.

They then spent time camped on the Carmarthen line leading to a try from Charlie Rees under the posts. The Ath finished the game strongly with Rhys Hockings running in his hat-trick and Harvey Tooze squeezing in at the corner after some great running lines and passing among the team. The Ath ran out winners by 54-0 at the end with Charlie Rees converting seven out of the eight tries.

Bridgend Athletic under-14s were up against a very good side in Newbridge, from the Gwent Valleys. They are the best side in their region and proved too tough a nut for the Ath youngsters

Right from the start, the Ath boys, with Danny Wilson to the fore, made tackle after tackle to keep them out. Something had to give as Newbridge pressure eventually saw their large pack shunt the ball over the try line for a 5-0 lead.

The Ath gradually and surely clawed their way back into the game, even though losing in-form utility back Bailey John with a broken collar bone.

They succeeded in turning over a ruck in the opposition 22, and the ball was shipped to captain Shea Duggan who scored wide out to level. Having worked so hard to score it was disappointing when poor tackling left Newbridge in to reinstate their five point lead on half time.

The Ath played some powerful rugby to pressure Newbridge at the start of the second half. With Newbridge falling foul of the ref's whistle, the Ath had their chances, but failed to capitalise.

It was against the run of play when Newbridge scored again, and they then followed that up with a rapid fire fourth try, to effectively seal the win.

The Ath boys were looking tired now, but they kept trying, setting up a promising attack that was unfortunately intercepted by Newbridge for an 80m run in. Right on the final whistle Newbridge further increased their lead to win the game 34-5.

A harsh score line which did not reflect how well the Ath boys played for long periods of the game. However, with the efforts of the players, particularly on this occasion captain Shea Duggan, Gabe Brown, Archie Brent and new forward Charlie Davies, there are plenty of reasons to be optimistic for the season ahead. Best wishes to injured Bailey John. Get well soon.

For the Ath under-15s it was the third round of their Ospreys Cup campaign away at Morriston on a lovely morning. With perfect playing conditions the Ath were a bit disappointed with the very narrow pitch chosen by the opposition but the players still went out to play their high tempo game.

With a great start and moving the ball at every opportunity the Ath appeared to have scored a great try, but the referee deemed it was grounded just short of the line.

This setback knocked the team temporarily off their stride before regrouping with forwards and backs combining to score three great tries to one penalty kick by Morriston to lead 17-3 at half time.

The second half got on the way with the Ath making eight changes and quickening the tempo of the game. Morriston were now starting to look tired and the Ath took control, scoring some lovely well worked tries.

In the last 10 minutes, the forwards got in on the act with some very impressive driving mauls resulting in some quality tries.

All 23 players put in a fantastic shift and the under-15s march on to the next cup round.

Promising newcomers add depth to Pencoed Phoenix

PENCOED Phoenix and Bonymaen Ladies met for the first time in a friendly match at the Recreation Ground.

Phoenix created a couple of chances in the early minutes but the visitors kept their line intact.

Ten minutes in, prop forward Elleri Harries Thomas put Phoenix on the front foot with a solid tackle and the spilt ball saw Phoenix make ground before Bonymaen conceded a penalty at the ruck and Phoenix outside half Leanne Burnell put her side in the lead from around 25 metres.

Play was fairly even territorially during the opening quarter and as the half progressed Bonymaen, with the breeze at their backs, threatened on a few occasions but were met with a resolute Phoenix defence.

The home side then turned defence into attack, Rhiannon Thomas making the initial thrust before Nat O'Shea made further inroads into the visitors' ranks before offloading to centre Lauren Aitken, whose return pass to O'Shea saw her race over wide out.

In the closing moments of the half, Phoenix scrum half Sarah Payne did exceptionally well to rip out possession from the advancing Bonymaen maul to halt their attacking momentum and the home side led 8-0 at the interval.

A trademark O'Shea burst of some 40 metres was to extend the Phoenix lead, Burnell carrying on the move and supporting skipper Amy Stevens raced over, Burnell adding the conversion.

Soon after Burnell added her second penalty goal and Phoenix led 18-0.

The scoreline was perhaps a little unfair to the visitors at this stage of the match, as their considerable efforts deserved something on the scoreboard.

Phoenix however, were to stretch their lead, a Kelsey Purchall break saw O'Shea cross for her second try with Burnell converting via the upright and the crossbar!

To their credit Bonymaen, last season's division 2 champions got a well-deserved score, with second row Heather Williams charging over wide out.

Good hands from forwards and backs brought about the next home score, Purchall crossing for her first Phoenix try. The versatile Purchall, normally a full back, was playing at flanker. Burnell converted.

Then came the try of the match. Burnell, retrieving the ball around half way with her back to the opposition arced around her immediate pursuers towards the touchline before straightening out to step several defenders within two metres of the touchline to score a remarkable try, then adding the conversion.

Bonymaen closed matters out on the scoreboard with No8 Georgia Stephens getting just reward for her efforts, powering over from 15 metres out. Sophie Moore added the conversion for a final match scoreline of 39–12.

A real positive for Phoenix were the displays of newcomers Lauren Tracey, Rhiannon Thomas, Molly Kinrade, and Kelsey Purchall who showed they will no doubt add strength in depth to the squad. Incidentally Purchall is a GB bronze bobsleigh medallist at Olympic Youth level !

Pencoed Phoenix Under-18 girls continued their good start in the National League with a bonus point win away at Hendy. Tries came from Jade Thomas, Jaya White, Erin Smith, Mia Davies, and Elle Buffey who also added a conversion. Unfortunately Elle was stretchered from the field of play to hospital, we all wish her a speedy and full recovery.

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Kelsey Burchall scores her try.

Amie Stevens touches down for a try. Photographs by Julie Hancock.

Tondu Seconds in gritty win

TONDU Seconds entertained Bridgend Sports in a mid-Glamorgan district league game recently.

Both sides fielded youthful teams and that was evident in the free-flowing start to the game.

The Sports had the upper hand in the opening exchanges with Tondu kicking away most of their possession aimlessly to a countering Sports backline.

It was the Sports who put the first points on the board with their outside half ghosting over and adding the extras himself.

The bandstand men had the lion's share of the first half possession but it was Tondu who went in at the break ahead after a break from Javan Bell just inside the Bridgend half; he was well supported by Tom Harris who fed Bell back on the inside with still work to do, but he finished the move in style beating two defenders.

A further Tondu penalty took them into the break 8-7 up.

The second half was dominated by the Sports with them scoring another well-deserved try, but despite their efforts to extend their lead the Tondu defence was resolute.

The Sports were further hampered by a yellow card from the referee.

Tondu took advantage of the dismissal and from another Bell break the evergreen Garw bomber Mathew Sage burst down the wing and barged his way over to score in the corner. Up stepped Geraint Gillet with the touch line conversion, which he slotted in style.

At 15-12 going into the last quarter, the Sports continued to throw everything they had at Tondu, led gallantly by their captain Chris Devs Davies.

The Tondu defence continued to hold firm and their grit and determination was finally rewarded with one final turnover and the referee's final whistle.

Both teams were to be applauded in what was a great advert for local rugby.

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ABOVE RIGHT: Alex Knight breaks for Tondu Seconds.

BELOW: Javan Bell finished in style. Photography by James Kaye.

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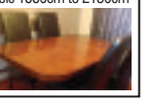

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In loving memory of Doreen, who passed away peacefully on 1st October at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, aged 87. Loved by all she knew, Nanna to all she met, Doreen loved and lived life to the full until the very last minute.

She will be greatly missed by all of us.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday, 23rd October, service 11.30am at St Peter's Church, Rhoose, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Vale Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 1pm.

Family flowers only, donations if desired to St Peter's Church Youth and Children's Ministry c/o the funeral director.

USHER
James

Suddenly at home on 26th September 2018, James, aged 73 years. Much loved partner of Marion, son-in-law of Doris, and brother-in-law to David, Valerie and Ed.

James will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. The funeral service will be held at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Wednesday, 17th October at 1pm. Funeral attire not required.

Family flowers only. Donations if desired can be made at the service to MIND.

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WEBSTER
Frederick (Fred)

Suddenly but peacefully on 3rd October, Fred, aged 90 years. A loving uncle to his nieces and nephews.

Fred will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Friday, 19th October at 10.15am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Family flowers only.

The family wish to thank all at Milsom House Nursing Home and Churchfields care service for their care of Fred.

GILL
Gerald James Gerry (Tucker)

Suddenly after a short illness at Holme Tower Penarth on 28th September, Gerry, aged 75 years. Beloved husband of Jill, much loved dad of Marie, father-in-law to Danny, adored gramps of Rebecca and Jamie, also a loved brother-in-law of Jean and Ken.

Gerry will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Thursday, 18th October at 10.30am, followed by interment at St Andrews Cemetery.

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MILLER
Rhodri Dafydd

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All our love Mum, Dad & Iestyn xxxx

TOBIN
Terence (Terry)

On 28th September at Llandough Hospital, Terry of Colcot Road, Barry, passed away peacefully after bravely fighting ill health. Adored husband of Sandra, loved dad to Steve and the late Paul. Much loved grandfather and great grandfather who will be missed by all his family and friends. Also thanks to Father Pat for his visit.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry, until the service on Wednesday, 17th October at St Helen's RC Church at 11am, followed by committal at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

Family flowers only by request. There will be a gathering afterwards at the Park Hotel for anyone wishing to attend.

DIXON
Maureen

The family of Maureen Dixon regret to announce her passing in Canada in her 80th year on 3rd September 2018.

Maureen was the widow of the late Councillor Brian Dixon, a long time RAFA club and a proud Butlin's employee. Maureen is survived by her daughter, Caryl (Canada), her son, Gareth (Sunderland), 3 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Despite the distance Maureen maintained many close friendships in the Barry area and will be greatly missed by all.

WILLIAMS
Glyn Leroy

Peacefully passed away at Llandough Hospital on 23rd September 2018. Beloved husband to the late Patricia Ann, special father to Deborah and Nicola, dear father-in-law, cherished grandfather and great grandfather.

Will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Funeral service to be held on Thursday, 18th October 2018 at Thornhill Crematorium, Briwnant Chapel at 12.45pm. Immediate family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if desired, in Glyn's memory to Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth.

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JESSETT
Elizabeth Frances

Peacefully after a short illness on 27th September at Barry Hospital, aged 87 years, Elizabeth passed away surrounded by her family. Beloved wife of the late William, and much loved mother of David, Shirley and Caroline. Mother-in-law to Liz, Tim and the late Alan. Adored grandmother of Claire,Victoria, Sharon, Richard, Emma and Natalie and cherished great grandmother to all her eight great grandchildren.

She will be missed by all her family and those who knew her.

Resting at A.G. Adams, Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry, until the service on Friday, 19th October at A.G. Adams Service Chapel at 1pm, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Family flowers only by request but donations in lieu of flowers, if desired, may be made to either Alzheimer's Reseach UK or Friends of the Dogs Wales at the service.

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PATERSON
David

The family wish to thank everyone who attended Dave's recent funeral. The turnout, especially by so many motorcycle friends, was an amazing spectacle which showed how much he was loved by the biking fraternity.

Special thanks to Rebecca and her team at A.G. Adams Funeralcare for their care, professionalism and attention to detail and to Lorraine Barrett who conducted the service with a perfect blend of sympathy and humour. Many thanks to everyone who donated to the British Heart Foundation.

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JERVIS
Eira

Peacefully, on Sunday 7th October at her home in Wenvoe, Eira formerly of the Hair Salon, Wenvoe. Beloved wife of Viv, dearly loved mother and grandmother.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday, 16th October, service 12.45pm at St Mary's Church, Wenvoe, followed by Cremation at Cardiff & Vale Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 2pm.

No flowers by request, donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o the funeral director.

EVANS
John Gordon Charles (Jack)

Peacefully on 3rd October at Barry Hospital, after a long illness borne with great fortitude, Jack of Marine Drive, Barry. Beloved husband of the late Freda Elizabeth, adored father of Nick and Roger. Much adored grandpa to Gabrielle and Amelia, dear brother of the late Norman and Eric.

Much missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Barry, until the service on Thursday, 18th of October at A.G. Adams Service Chapel at 1pm, followed by committal at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium.

No flowers by request but donations, if desired, can be made at the service or sent directly to Kidney Research UK, Nene Hall, Peterborough Business Park, Lynch Wood, Peterborough, PE2 6FZ.

DAVIES
Susan (Sue) Mary
(née Rice)

It is with great sadness the family of Sue announce her sudden passing after a long illness, bravely fought with humour and tenacity on Sunday, 30th September 2018 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Sue is survived by her dearly loving husband of 51 years, David, and by her children Claire and Nigel to whom she was a devoted mum and best friend. A loving sister to Terry and sister-in-law to Susan, Frances and Keith. Sue will be sadly missed by her extended loving family and her many loyal friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Monday, 22nd October, service 12.30 at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Wordsworth Avenue, Penarth, CF64 2RL, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry, CF62 9PX at 2pm.

Family flowers only, donations if desired to Macmillan Cancer Support.

LEACH
Albert Gwyn (Gwyn)

It is with great sadness we have to announce the peaceful passing of Gwyn of Barry Road, Barry on 30th September 2018. Loving husband of Eileen, much loved father of Robert and the late Susan. A cherished grandfather and great grandfather (Gi).

Gwyn will be deeply missed by all who loved and knew him.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at All Saints Church, Barry on Thursday, 18th October at 2pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be given towards Velindre Cancer Centre.

BEAUMONT
Margaret

In heaven you rest, no worry or pain, God bless you until we meet again your dearly loved family.

Much loved wife of the late Ken, loving mother to Martin, Anita and Mark. Mother-in-law of Carline and Mandy. A much loved nan to Alexander, Amelia, Liam and Daniel and all her grandchildren.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Friday, 19th October at 1.15pm. No flowers by request. Donations may be sent to MacMillian Cancer Support. Black attire optional.

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JONES
Lynda Julia

It is with great sadness that we announce the sad passing of Lynda, on Friday, 28th September 2018, aged 64 years. A beloved mum to Felicity, Lloyd and Liberty and a special sister to Stephen. A cherished and adored nan and auntie, a devoted and caring friend, who will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at St Curig's Church, Porthkerry, Rhoose on Friday, 19th October at 11am, followed by interment at Porthkerry Cemetery, Rhoose.

Family flowers only please.

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to Lyndsay J Ellis. For enquiries please contact 01446 407962.

HULLAH
Derek

Peacefully on 27th September, Derek of Cowbridge (formerly of Beddau); beloved husband of the late Joan, loving father of Nigel and Joy, respected father-in-law of Derek and a much loved grandfather of Daniel, Dominic and Lowri.

Will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Funeral Thursday, 18th October, service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 2.15pm, where friends please meet. Flowers or if preferred donations to Wales Air Ambulance c/o W.H. Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun, CF72 8PN. (Tel 01443 223368).

The family would sincerely like to thank the passers-by for their kindness and help when Derek had his recent fall.

WALTON
John Terence (Terry)

Terry passed away suddenly after a brief illness on Friday, the 28th of September, aged 85 years, at Llandough Hospital. Terry was well known and respected in Llantwit Major and surrounding communities for his years as a Master Electrician and Plumber.

He is survived in Wales by his sister-in-law, Ann Walton, and nephews Andrew and Jeremy; sister-in-law Betty Walton, and nephew Michael, grand- nephew Alex and grand- niece Beth; and in Canada by nephew Roderick (Joyce) and grand-niece Brooke.

Terry will be sadly missed by his loving family and a very wide circle of friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James and Sons, Fonmon. Funeral service will take place Friday, 26th October at 3.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu of flowers , if desired, may be made at the funeral service to Cancer Research UK. A reception will follow at the King's Head Pub, Llantwit Major.

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Millie's medal success in championships

NOT only is she vice-captain of the Great Britain youth team, but Llantwit Major's own Millie Wiggins earned a gold medal in the Surf Ski on the first day of beach events at the European Lifesaving Championships in Ireland.

On day two of the beach events Millie got another medal for Team GB, taking bronze in the beach sprint.

It's rare to achieve medals in both sea and beach events, so Millie's achievement is pretty remarkable.

Day three of the beach events, and the final day of the championships, saw Millie win silver in the flags and was also part of the gold medal-wining Taplin Relay Event (Ski, Board, Swim and Run) with her teammates Ellie McCloy, Emma Kendall and Merial Cloud.

At the end of a remarkable week of competition, Millie came home with four European medals, while Team GB were crowned King of the Beach, which is an outstanding achievement against 12 other countries.

Millie and her teammates are back training hard, ready to compete in the World Surf Lifesaving Champions in Adelaide, Australia in November.

Millie would like to thank the people who have helped and supported her – Icon Sports, Snugg Wetsuits, Newquay; Bryn Illtyn Trust, Llantwit Major and Nina Davies Opticians, Llantwit Major. **AL**

Kayakers impress in Flanders Cup

A LOCAL group of sprint kayakers have had another successful competition in Belgium in the annual Flanders Cup in Sobeka racing as team Cymru.

Races took place on September 8-9, racing over 200, 500, 1000, 2000 and 5000 meters in k1 (single kayak), k2 (double kayak) and k4 (4 person kayak). Everyone did exceptionally well and enjoyed racing with athletes from different countries. Throughout the weekend there was a great team spirit, everyone supported each other and had a brilliant time.

Paddlers raced extremely well against some tough competition. Team Cymru brought home lots of medals and were very pleased with the results. A rewarding end to a season full of hard work!

Some results include: Henry Devonald, who made great improvements from last year, reaching finals in all his events, winning two gold medals and one silver over single and crew events; Geraint Ap Cooke, under-16, won a bronze medal in his K4 event and made amazing improvements from the following year against really tough competition.

Hannah Stephens, under-18, achieved three bronze medals and three silver medals over single and crew events and especially enjoyed teaming up with a Belgian paddler in the K2 200m event where they won a bronze medal.

Jasmine Holland, under-14, was the first-placed Welsh girl in the 2000m event and fifth overall after a season of working really hard on longer distances her hard work is paying off.

She also achieved a bronze medal with Erin Bell, Scarlett James and Rosa Davidson in the k4 500m.

Megan Huggings, under-16, won a bronze medal in her K2, while Sam Hodgson, under-16, raced an incredible 200m K1 heat and, with lots of cheering from team members, made the final.

Cerys Bell and Caitlin Arnold, under-18, both raced excellent K1 events, making finals as well as winning medals in crew events and Mathew Rowlands made semi-finals and finals over k1 and crew events.

The team would like to say a big thank you to Dan and Elena Golder who did an incredible job at organising the trip, driving, adding to the team's medal collection and being a great support as usual. Also thanks go to Richard who drove and supported.

Everyone is now preparing for a hard winter of training ready for next year! **HS**

Sports Academy scheme

THE team at Vale Council and Legacy Leisure are looking for 10 international sports performers to join their Sports Academy scheme.

The Sports Academy Scheme is delivered as a partnership between the Vale Council and Legacy Leisure, who manage the Vale Leisure Centres.

The eligibility criteria include the following: applicants must be Vale residents; participate in a sport that is recognised by Sport Wales and be affiliated to the appropriately recognised National Governing Body of Sport; must have reached Welsh or British squad status and represented their country in their sport in the previous year and be in a position to achieve further international honours in the following year.

Contact KJDavies@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or 01446 704793 for further information and an application form - the deadline for applications is Tuesday, December 11.

When point-to-point came to the Vale – part eight

ANOTHER extract from Brian Lee's long out of print book The Races Came Off – The story of point-to-point racing in South and West Wales.

A public notice in the Western Mail warned those riders who intended to compete in the Glamorgan Hunt point-to-point 1909, that any person taking part in these races would be liable to disqualification should they inspect the course prior to the races.

The meeting was held on a Wednesday at Ewenny, and throughout the day the rain came down in torrents. There were seven runners in the heavyweight race and Major Edmunde's *Caleb* took the event for the third time.

The Major's knowledge of the country was a big advantage, but even so he had to pull out all the stops to beat the canny Dr Moynan, who came second on *The Mackintosh's Merry Lad*.

The lightweight race attracted a field of 12, but it soon developed into a battle between the brothers Arthur and Godfrey Masters. In an exciting finish, Arthur, on *Hotspur* pipped Godfrey riding *Banshee*.

The farmers' race was won by Mr E Watts' *Tom Dunn*, with Fred Chick's *Havana* taking second place.

However, the third horse, Mr WC Blake's *Bob*, would have won easily but for coming to grief at the brook which was flooded and gave his owner/rider a real soaking.

There was some talk of a two mile match on the flat coming off between the second and third in this race, but unfortunately there is no record I have discovered of it having done so.

This was the year that the Gelligaer Foxhounds held their first annual point-to-point. The races took place on a Thursday near Blackwood.

In a marquee where luncheon was provided for the gentry, Lord Tredegar of Balaclava fame, who had celebrated his 78th birthday the day before (April 28), proposed a toast to 'The King' and congratulated His Majesty on his recent win in the 2000 Guineas classic race.

There were four races and cups were presented by the licensed victuallers of Blackwood, Dr RTE Davies, JP of New Tredegar, and the committee of the Hunt.

The heavyweight race went to David Jones' *Sir Richard,* and Dr William Reidy's *Charlie* took the lightweight event.

**Brian Lee is the author of the best-selling Racing Rogues – The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales, published by St David's Press.*

Seniors in stableford golf action

ST Mary's Golf Club's senior section's main competition of the week was an individual Stableford with 29 members playing off yellow tee boxes.

Andrew Lane and Order of Merit contender Ian Taylor both carded 38 points, but after a count-back the victory was awarded to Taylor.

Subsequently, Andrew Lane very sportingly disqualified himself after recalling an inadvertent rule infringement on the 13th green, handing second place to Roger Hatton who returned 36 points.

Section captain, Hugh Williams, also scored 36 points but lost out on a count-back to Hatton.

Two days later, 23 of their number played a Texas Scramble in teams of three. This is a popular format in which the best of the three drives is selected on every hole and each of the three team members play their second shots from that position.

Third shots are again played from a preferred position and this continues through to the final putt.

With three choices on every shot, scores are expected to be low and with a sub 60 net score of 56, vice-captain David Hughes and team-mates Gareth Jones and Brian Peacock secured the win. **NL**

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Footballers set to compete in the Rod Houston Cup

ON October 12-14, Ysgol Gymreag Bro Morgannwg under-14 girls football team will be representing Wales in the Rod Houston Cup, organised by the Schools Association Football International Board (SAFIB).

YGBM team qualified for the tournament after winning the Welsh Schools Cup in May, where they beat seven schools to reach the Welsh final and clinched the title with a 1-0 victory against Ysgol Glan Clwyd.

The team now travel to Lilleshall National Sports Centre in Shropshire as Welsh Champions to compete against three of the five home nation countries in a three day tournament.

England, the host nation, will have two teams in the tournament – St Ivo School, Huntingdon and Bohunt School, Wokingham – together with the Irish champions Sacred Heart School, Westport; Scotland and Northern Ireland did not participate this year.

Miss Bethan Price, PE teacher, commented: "Women's football is becoming a major sporting event and we are delighted to see the girls achieve success at national level. They have all played extremely well and everyone at YGBM is wishing them 'pob lwc' for this tournament." **MG**

Caz and Mary are Barry darts league doubles champions

WITH the new season of the Barry Darts League under way, it was the ladies' doubles tournament that took place at Barry Town FC on Friday evening.

With the competition well supported by all teams in the league, an enjoyable night was had by all as Caz Anderson and Mary Jennings took the title, defeating Nikki Wyman and Tracy Edwards in the final.

With both duos winning their semi-final matches in comfortable fashion, it was anyone's guess as to who would take the crown.

The first four legs went with the throw but the first turning point came when Wyman confidently hit double five to take a 3-2 lead and throw for the match.

Anderson and Jennings hit back emphatically to take the match to a deciding leg. Nerves were a factor as both duos missed match darts, but Jennings struck double one to take the title.

The Barry Darts League would like to thank Mark Barrett and Barry Town FC for hosting and sponsoring the event. The league would also like to thank everyone who took part and supported in what was a fantastic evening of darts.

It's not too late to join the fun. If you are interested in getting involved with the Barry Darts League, whether it be playing or sponsoring, search 'Barry Darts League' on Facebook. **AB**

ABOVE: Caz Anderson and Mary Jennings.

Flint strikes at Southwell

VALE trainer John Flint landed the opening Bramley Apple Handicap Chase over two miles at Southwell on Tuesday with his eight-year-old *Cillian's Well*.

The top weighted 3-1 co-favourite, confidently ridden by Hereford-born Richard Patrick, won easing up by 17 lengths from *Stormbay*, one of the other two co-favourites.

Aberthin's Tim Vaughan sent two horses to Warwick on Thursday and won with both of them.

His five-year-old *Trixster*, a 5-2 shot, landed the Penguin Pay Maiden Hurdle by three lengths from the favourite *Pontresina*, and his seven-year-old *Canton Prince*, who carried top weight of 12 stone, took the Ignite Incentives Handicap Hurdle when beating the favourite fellow Vale trainer Evan Williams' *Voodoo Doll*, partnered by Evan's daughter Isabel, by three lengths.

Canton Prince was returned at odds of 13-2 and champion jockey Richard Johnson, who rode both winners, also won the opening Novices' Hurdle on the Olly Murphy-trained *General Custard*. **BRIAN LEE**

On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

CAN you name the people in this picture?

The gentleman on the right of the picture is E. Creighton Griffiths of Romilly House, Romily Park, Barry, a military man who was educated at Howard Gardens in Cardiff.

His racing colours were blue and white hoops, blue cap and red hoops and he is said to have run a big advertising agency in Cardiff.

His trainer in the 1960s was Atty Corbett and apparently his best racehorses were four-times winner *Sidney House* and *Berenice*.

The dam of both these horses was *Kilbeg,* who I believe was the same *Kilbeg* which I saw running in Welsh point-to-points in the 1950s.

Sidney House was trained by the Vale's Ifor Lewis, and former amateur rider Jim Thomas, who farms at St Athan, believes the other man in the picture is Evo Lewis, the son of Mrs Posy Lewis, trainer of two-time Welsh Grand National winner *Limonali*.

Another trainer of Creighton Griffiths' horses was Joseph Emlyn Morgan of Brockworth Court, Gloucester, and the best horse he ever trained was *Shahjem,* the holder of the English two mile hurdle record at Warwick in the December of 1955.

**If you can provide any information with regards to the people in the picture then please e-mail brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone him on 02920736438.*

Whitmore Bay club celebrate a good end to their season

WHITMORE Bay Surf Life Saving club, based at Barry Island Beach, is celebrating a fantastic end to the 2018 season.

The Nipper and Junior sections have competed locally and nationally with some outstanding success and an empowering team ethos.

Both Nippers and Junior teams have competed in the Welsh Surf Life Saving Championships, Great British Championship in Cornwall and local carnivals throughout south Wales, resulting in many medals, top 10 individual positions, team relay events and the best overall club positions.

Water events include: Swims, Board, Taplin, Board Rescue, Super Nipper and water relays and beach events include Beach flags, Relays, sprints and 1km long run.

The club is also celebrating receiving much-needed funding from the YMCA, so the club can continue to develop welcome new members and educate local children and young adults in water safety and first aid whilekeeping fit and having fun.

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The Nipper team.

Outstanding result in the Welsh under-11 girls Beach flags, with gold for Lily Foscolo, silver for Neave Cummins and bronze for Ruby Hadfield, along with top 10 places for Amiah Friday and Evie Wride.

Bridgend Bridge Club latest news

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows.

On October 3: first, Alan Heath and Geoff Barnes; second, Tony Disley and Steve Burgoyne; equal third, Graham Jones and Irene Thomas, and Norma and David Newman. The winners on handicap were Tony Disley and Steve Burgoyne.

On October 4: first, Stewart Norton and Ivor Hicks; second, Peter Rowley and Stuart Davies; third, Leila O'Hagan and Barry Collins. The winners on handicap were Peter Rowley and Stuart Davies.

On October 5: first, Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner; second Tony Disley and Julian Pottage; third, Brian and Noreen Quinlan. The winners on handicap were Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton church hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start, it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Friday, October 12 is the President's Cup where partners are drawn on the night, and one can be found if you don't have a partner on the night.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton church hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding. All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

On Thursdays there is a session starting at 1pm on slightly advanced techniques of bidding and play. This week Steve Burgoyne will present a seminar on signalling after partner's opening lead.

A new course of bridge lessons has started on Monday afternoons at Nolton from 3:30pm to 5:30pm and it's not too late to join the course. For more information contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or email Steve at steve@steveburgoyne.plus.com.

Bridgend man is new sponsor of Welsh Champion Hurdle

Bridgend's Jonathan Tudor is presented with the Dunraven Bowl by Lady Dunraven and sponsor David Brace at Chepstow Racecourse in 2017.

DAVID BRACE, chairman of the Dunraven Group, well-known in the Vale and a great supporter of point-to-point and National Hunt racing, has announced that the Dunraven Group will be the new sponsor of the Welsh Champion Hurdle – the most important race of the year at Ffos Las Racecourse.

The race with prize money of £45,000 will be staged at Britain's youngest National Hunt racecourse, Ffos Las on October 20.

Phil Bell, executive director of Chepstow and Ffos Las said: "We are very grateful for the support of the Dunraven Group. They already sponsor an evening's racing at Chepstow, which includes the popular Dunraven Bowl, and it is great news they they have extended their support to Ffos Las for the high-quality contest."

Mr Brace, a leading owner/trainer of point-to-pointers for many years, said: "We have a record of supporting horse racing across Wales and we are delighted to support the Welsh Champion Hurdle for the first time. It is a great race to be associated with and we look forward to seeing a quality field line up for the prize."

Mr Brace's grandson, Connor Brace (18), who has joined leading jumps trainer Fergal O'Brien as a conditional rider, had a tremendous point-to-point season winning national and Welsh novice rider titles and he has already ridden a winner under Rules.

James' medal joy at championships

JAMES Savory recently competed in the Welsh leg of the ParaBadminton Championships in Cardiff.

The day started with James competing in the men's singles – he had some very tough and close games in the morning and finished just outside the medals.

In the afternoon, the men's doubles began with James playing with his doubles partner Stephen Davies from Wrexham.

They had a hard road through to the final, and this was played as the best of three games. The pair had a slow start, losing the first game 21-18, but in the second and third games they both played as we know they can, taking these 21-15 and 23-21, winning the title of Welsh men's ParaBadminton Double champions.

James would like to thank Cardiff Shadows Badminton Club for their continued support and coaching, as well as his colleagues in Barry that he plays with every Friday.

Pictured are James (left) and partner Stephen Davies.

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Winners for Vale trainers in England

THERE were wins for Vale trainers John Flint and Tim Vaughan on Monday (October 8).

Flint's four-year-old *Love And Be Loved*, partnered by William Cox, landed the Barry Gould Memorial Claiming Stakes at Windsor and Tim Vaughan's four-year-old *Tight Call*, ridden by champion jockey Richard Johnson, took the closing Visit All New Racecourses Com Standard Open NH Flat race at Stratford when coming home three lengths ahead of *ComeOnTheBull,* trained by Chepstow's Robert Stephens.

Love And be Loved, who had three and a half lengths to spare over *Hawridge Glory*, was returned at odds of 7-2 and *Tight Call* was a 9-2 chance.

Brian Lee

Bridgend Sports Mini and Junior Rugby Round-up

Bridgend Sports under-13s.

AT Bridgend Sports RFC, the under-10s, 11s and 13s were all at home whilst the 7s, 8s, 9s and 12s travelled to Cefn Cribwr, Nantyffyllon and Porthcawl.

The under-7s played Cefn Cribwr. Both sides turned on the entertainment and only one try separated the teams at the end with the Sports enjoying the win. New players Malaki Vaghn and Harley Morris made impressive debuts for the Sports. The leading try scorers were Isaac Davies and Dion Williams with four tries each and both players showed fantastic footwork to score.

However, the man of the match was awarded to Riley Lewis who has been consistent each week with his all-round performances.

The under-8s also played Cefn Cribwr. Both sides attacked to score an impressive 21 tries overall. Well done to all the players and coaches for another enjoyable morning of mini rugby and thanks are extend to Cefn Cribwr for being great hosts.

The Sports players of the week were Ollie Balmer for his running skills and Blair for a fine debut performance.

The final score read Cefn Cribwr 10 Bridgend Sports 11.

The Sports try scorers were Ollie Balmer (four), Ellis Kendall (three), Archie Hall (one), Matthew Griffiths (one), Blair (one) Gethin Roberts (one)

The under-9s played a physical Nantyffyllon side at their plush new 4G facility. Bridgend Sports took the early lead and then capitalised with a flurry of tries with some great running rugby.

Nanty came back strong toward the end with several unanswered tries, but the Sports took the win. Try scorers for the Sports were Rafferty Williams, Dan Flower and Max Hearing all with two tries apiece. Sam Heycock and Louis Payne also got over the try line with one each and Dan Perriman bagged four tries from his elusive running.

Bridgend Sports tackler of the week was Harry Trevelyan with Matthew Hussell's support play at the tackle area earning him this week's Star Player award.

The final score was Nantyffyllon 50 Bridgend Sports 60.

The under-10s lost their unblemished record this season to a superior Skewen side. Skewen were a well-drilled team who gave the under-10s a lesson in effective rucking. The Sports competed in all aspects of the game except the ruck area.

There were many positives for the Sports in defeat in that the team stuck at it and as the game progressed they improved on ball placement in the tackle. The Sports eventually defended their ruck ball more effectively and improved their line speed in defence later in the game to put pressure on their opponents, forcing them backwards with good tackling. Unfortunately, the home team were unable to get over their try line on the day.

There were many players who put in a "good shift" but the team player of the day award went to Hari Coulthard for good tackling, support play, rucking and tackling.

The under-11s, in contrast, secured a fine 40–25 win against Skewen. The Sports enjoyed a fine opening first 20 minutes playing some lovely rugby and putting in some great tackles with good rucking. The Sports try scorers were Madison Rees, Charlie Paget (two) and Gabrial Burroughs. Skewen got one try back

In the second period, the home team played a few players out of their preferred positions which caused a bit of disruption at first. Skewen kept pressuring the Sports into making some mistakes. Credit to Skewen for capitalising to score four tries but the Sports never-say-die attitude saw them comeback to tie the second period score, with tries from Gabrial Burroughs, Charlie Paget (two) and twinkle toes Madison Rees.

Alfie Lewis was player of the week for his attitude on the pitch. He played out of his normal position and adapted well.

The under-12s turned in another dominant performance as they defeated a fancied Porthcawl side 40–0 at the coast. They kept Porthcawl under pressure as the forwards set the platform for the backs to run.

The side are adapting well to the scrummage as the forwards produced their best performance of the season to date.

Waunarlwydd, were the visitors to the Bandstand Field to play the **under-13s**. Waunarlwydd are in their 118th year and have current internationals Liam Williams and Nicky Smith who are products of their successful mini and juniors' section.

Expectation was high for an open game of rugby as both clubs have a history of playing attractive flowing rugby. Sports declared their intent from the opening kick-off when flanker Connor Jones fielded the kick off, found space near the touch line and raced away to register the opening try.

Further first half tries were scored by the Sports through Ben King who was making a welcome return, following a season away from the game, Cian John, Chloe Gant and Mackenzie Dent with conversions added by Cian John and Jack Morgan. There were also notable contributions from Callum Jones and Dylan Morgan.

It was not all about attack however, there were also notable defensive performances from Megan Lewis, Iestyn John, Mason Balmer, Mollie Prance and Thomas Coles.

The second half was more of the same although "the Waun" did become more aggressive in their approach as they battled their way into field position but were unable to cross the home side's line.

The second half was harder work, but the product was the same as the home team scored further tries through Iestyn John, Will Ellis, Connor Jones, and Callum Lewis with conversions added by Ieuan Pilliner and Cian John. Chole Gant, Will Ellis, Theo Clarke and Ieuan Pilliner sustained the defensive effort whenever Waunarlwydd looked to pressure the home side.

The Sports registered 53 points without conceding a try.

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Seaview Angling Club catch the rays

THE past month has seen some good fish landed and healthier weights brought to the scales by Seaview Angling Club members.

Mickey, Aida, Kevin and Roger have been consistent top anglers while Paul Crook managed an impressive second place in the weekends' Seamaster competition.

In this hotly-contested match, several past and present Seaview Lads were in the top 20, including the overall winner John Bray and Joe Gallian.

September started with a fine cod of over 10lb for Kevin Salah but he was pipped into second place by Aida Harris on the day.

Some good rays have been included in catches since then and there should be plenty of species out there in the coming weeks. The signs look good so it's a good time to get the rods out and join the lads in the coming month – who knows what lurks beneath the surface?

On a sad note we say goodbye to another past member, Reg; but many of us will continue to use his hand built rods for years to come, so gone, but not forgotten.

Results for September 2:

1st, A Harris at 15lb; 2nd, K Salah at 11lb; 3rd, R Green at 5lb.

September 16:

1st, M Langford; 2nd, K Salah; 3rd, R Green.

September 30:

1st, M Langford at 7lb 11oz; 2nd, A Harris at 7lb; 3rd, R Green at 2lb 1oz.

Ammanford run in seven tries against Tondu

TONDU were on the receiving end of a seven try blitz at the Recreation Ground in Ammanford last Saturday.

Josh Tatchell and Steffan Phillips exchanged penalties to see Tondu lead 6-3 midway through the first half, before captain Chris Morris ran in a splendid try to put the home side into a lead that they would never relinquish. Phillips adding the conversation to make it 10-6 for the blue and blacks.

Ammanford then took control and in another fine move, left wing Steffan Howells finished emphatically before a little luck saw full back Ceri Rees score a breakaway try from his own 22 line; Phillips again slotted the conversion to give Ammanford a 22-6 half-time lead.

The second half saw the home side reduced to 13 men after two yellow cards for ruck offences, but Tondu could only manage one try with the two-man advantage, when Aled Jones scored out wide. Tatchell added the difficult conversion to give the visitors some hope.

This was short lived though, and when man of the match Steffan Howells finished off two fine moves to complete his hat-trick, the match was effectively over; Phillips landed both conversions.

Tondu managed a second try when centre Dai Povey broke the line and Tatchell slotted the conversion, but that only turned out to be an interlude, as the home side finished with tries from full back Ceri Rees and a fourth touchdown for Steffan Howells, with Phillips converting the latter.

The question must now be asked, where do Tondu go from here? With no game this weekend, they will surely take the time to take stock of their poor start to the season, and attempt to put things right for their visit to Brynamman a week on Saturday.

MIKE SULLY

Dave Povey's try for Tondu.
PHOTOGRAPHY BY GARETH ANTHONY

Ammanford	**46**
Tondu	**20**

Aled Jones heads for the line.
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BRIDGEND ATHLETIC YOUTH PREVAIL IN NINE-TRY THRILLER

Bridgend Athletic Youth	**29**
Bryncethin Youth	**26**

BRIDGEND Athletic Youth welcomed the undefeated Ospreys East League leaders Bryncethin to Newbridge Field for a keenly-contested nine-try local derby thriller.

Bryncethin, having scored in the first minute led this game throughout, only to see a determined Athletic snatch victory in the last few minutes with their fifth try of the game to Bryncethin's four.

It was a great comeback – at one stage they were 21-5 down and recovered to win 29-26.

The visitors, with wind advantage, stunned the Athletic with a converted try in the opening minute.

Their height and weight advantage caused the Athletic problems, although Brandon Fooks and Ellis Bull battled hard in the scrums and lock Morgan Bennett was prominent throughout.

The Athletic were disrupted with an injury to outside half Matthew Hobby, with full back Levi Hallett stepping into the breach and Cameron Lewis moving to full back. The score was 7-0 until half time.

Bryncethin doubled this lead with a second try just after the restart, before the Athletic responded with a try from full back Cameron Lewis to reduce the deficit to 14-5. Bryncethin's response was to score their third converted try to stretch the lead to 21-5.

The Athletics' superior fitness came into play as the heavier Bryncethin eight started to tire.

Wing Owen Thomas finished off a handling move to cross in the corner. The same player finished off another handling bout by scooping a pass from around his ankle to again cross in the corner.

Hallett converted from the touchline to reduce the deficit to 21-17. With 10 minutes remaining, Bryncethin extended the lead to 26-17 with their fourth try.

Once again, wing Owen Thomas showed finishing power for his try hat-trick, again in the corner in a man of the match performance to make the score 26-22 to Bryncethin.

The Athletic were now in the ascendancy and from a five-metre scrum, Josh Tidy fed regular No 8 Will Barraclough, playing at centre, to power over for the fifth Athletic try.

Hallett converted, and for the first time the Athletic led. They withheld a final onslaught by Bryncethin to win their third game out of four league starts and move to joint fourth in the league.

Athletic coaches Paul Obbard and Paul Yardley were delighted with the committed performance by this mainly young side against a very powerful Bryncethin team.

They urged the players to make every effort to attend training this week to build on momentum, before a visit to new league leaders Kenfig Hill this Saturday October 13.

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'It's funny *old* game' – say Barry Vets

The Barry over-55s team.

BARRY Vets welcomed Penybont to Leckwith Stadium for their first match in the Wales Veterans FA over 55s League and they kicked off their 2018/19 campaign with a priceless 2–1 win.

Barry's stars of yesteryear including Jimmy Blackie, Steve Hill, Mike Bobbett and 69-year-old Dickie Batt are still enjoying competitive football at the highest (veterans) level and this match was no exception.

Barry started strongly and their attractive football was justifiably rewarded after 10 minutes when a pin-point cross from Jeff White was headed home powerfully by the ever-youthful Bobbett, who out-jumped the defence for a fine opener.

The hosts continued to press – Jones, Hill, Blackie, Huish and Staddon dominating possession and on 20 minutes, a clumsy tackle by Penybont defender Keith McIntyre earned Barry a penalty kick, which Mark Jones duly converted to make it 2–0. Although the home side continued to control the half, they were unable to extend their lead before the interval.

The second half continued in a similar vein, Barry, now with the legendary Dickie Batt in their line-up, were the better side but were unable to convert their chances and in Dalton, Penybont had a player whose mobility and drive kept the visitors in the game.

His efforts were rewarded in the 50th minute when he found his colleague Hosey in the six-yard box where he scrambled home a header to make it 2–1.

The league's oldest player, Frank Lennon (70) also played the last 20 minutes and the match ended with Barry earning a valuable three points. N

The next match is away to Newport on October 21. Visit: *www.walesveteransfootball.co.uk*

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Cornelly man to compete in world championship

NORTH Cornelly's Paul Davies has been selected for the British team to compete in the World Para Table Tennis Championships in Slovenia from October 17-20.

Davies, 51, will compete in the men's class one category in which he is ranked ninth in the world.

He is an experienced international and was a bronze medallist at the London Paralympics in 2012.

Also in the 14-strong squad are three other Welshmen – Rob Davies from Brecon, Tom Matthews from Aberdare and Paul Karabardack from Swansea.

Michael Prosser

BARRIVALE BRIDGE CLUB LATEST RESULTS

THE results for the Barrivale Bridge Club for October 2 are as follows:

The men's and ladies pairs, session 1: The first three winners were first, Peter Millar and Adrian Tricke, 62.15 per cent; second, Dave Thomas and Denis Mottram, 60.76; third, Mark Roderick and Simon Richards 58.33.

The handicap winners were June Reeves and Alan Rees.

As always, new members are welcome at Barrivale Bridge Club and a partner may be arranged, if required. If you would like to join the club call 01446 418380, 01446 733425, 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively, inexperienced players or players who would like to brush up on their game may attend the following sessions: Fridays, 10am (doors open 9.45am) at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play; Thursday afternoons for assisted play from 1.30pm-4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry CF634AP.

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Vale of Glamorgan Senior Football League Round Up

CASEY Thompson's brace helped league leaders Barry Athletic to come away with the three points in the big top-of-the-table clash in the Premier Division.

Unbeaten Athletic inflicted Rhoose's first loss as they edged them 3-2 at the Athletic Ground.

Penarth Town continued their recent resurgence with a 2-0 victory over Sully Sports to keep Sully bottom of the league.

Cowbridge Town made it two in a row with a very impressive 4-2 away win over Island Marine.

Barry Saints and St Athan played out a 3-3 draw, a last gasp Barry Saints equaliser putting St Athan into the bottom two.

In Division One, Holton Road ground out a 2-1 victory over Cogan Coronation to maintain their 100 per cent record and domination over the division.

Holton Road are now 11 points ahead of the chasing pack. Cadoxton Barry went second with a 3-1 win over SP Billy although they have played a game or two more.

Tynewydd moved third as they produced a narrow 1-0 win over Cwm Talwg.

In Division Two, leaders Rhoose B saw their 100 per cent record disappear as St Athan B came from two goals down to secure a 3-2 triumph and move level on points at the top.

Barry Albion held Island Marine B to gain a good point and Barry Vikings got back to winning ways with a 4-0 away to Vale Madrid, that's five losses in a row for Vale after a good start.

Next week the premier divisions attention turns to the SWFA Cup while there is a full division one program with the match of the day looking like Cogan vs Cadoxton Barry.

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First female club captain hosts Past Captain's Day

The past (and present) captains.

AT the start of the year, St Athan Golf Club members elected Liz Thomas as their club captain, the first female in the club's 42 year history, an election which resulted in Liz hosting the annual Past Captain's Day.

This year 20 past captains attended the event, 16 of them managing to compete in the 18-hole Stableford competition before donning jackets and ties for the evening dinner and presentation.

Tradition dictates that the immediate past captain, Gary Bohun, sits at the opposite end of the table to the current captain and the others are seated in order of seniority, the earliest present being Bob Libby who took the helm in 1984.

Club caterer, Leanne Gordon and her team did the captain proud, providing a sumptuous three-course meal which was enjoyed by all.

The winner of the Stableford was Gary Bohun who carded a magnificent 40 points – retaining the trophy from last year. The 1995 captain Mike Clark, showing he can still execute some great shots, was runner-up with 37, with Roger Davidge 36, in third position. Roger was not dismayed though, as he and 1994 captain, JWG Morgan both collected an elusive brown envelope for carding a 'two'.

The evening culminated with 'absent friends' being remembered and good wishes being passed between everybody present, all agreeing that they are looking forward to the reunion next year.

St Athan Golf Club is proud of its history; a members' club which caters for green fee players, but particularly welcomes new social and playing members. Telephone 01446 751043 for further information.

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Liz Thomas presents the trophy to Gary Bohun.

Tondu Youth on top against young Bridgend Sports side

THIS was a confident 53-7 win by the Tondu Youth against a young, inexperienced Bridgend Sports youth side.

After a shaky start with scrums and penalties given away, captain Garin Standing opened up the scoring for Tondu, which was converted by Dan Thomas.

Sports came back with an interception try, scored and converted.

Nathan Archer answered that try with an interception try himself, converted by Dan Thomas.

Tondu began to dominate and James Murray got on the score sheet after a chip and chase to score in the corner.

Winger Bobby Bromley scored with some good footwork to beat defenders and finish in the corner, again converted by Dan Thomas. Sports showed spirit, but the Tondu defence was too strong.

At half time, Iestyn Davies, who was a key player in the match, bagged himself a try after a strong run in the second half.

Lewis Hawkins gained a yellow card due to a lot of team penalties, after being caught in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Even with 14 men, Tondu still managed to score with Morgan Creber scoring a try in the corner after a long run by Mason Jones who was caught short of the line. Substitute Nathan Bruce got on the score sheet after hitting a good angle.

The Sports 10 (a former Tondu player) broke through numerous defenders but was held up on the line by excellent scramble defence.

Number 8 Cael Chamberlain got under the sticks, was hard to take down all game and earned a well-deserved try after some strong carrying.

Finally, Bobby Bromley finished in the corner after another exciting run with some footwork and hand offs and beat the defenders to score in the corner again. Bobby had an amazing game, in defence and attack and put in huge hits on big players.

The Sports came at Tondu in the final minutes of the game when Tondu gave away numerous penalties, but the Sports were unable to score.

JOE ALLEN

Experienced opponents teach Celtic a tough lesson

Maesteg Celtic faced the realities of Division One when they visited an experienced Kenfig Hill side last Saturday.

Celtic competed well in the set pieces and defended valiantly on the gain line but had difficulty in dealing with the pace of the home team in broken play.

The Celtic front five of Ryan Shearan, Ashley Poole, Sean Lambert, Peter Kehoe and Nathan Jenkins held their own in the first half and began to dominate in the second period.

The back row of Ryan Turner, Jonathan Davies and captain Oliver Petty tackled manfully and successfully carried the ball at their opponents.

The visitors' half backs, Liam Healey and Harri Evans worked well together and used the ball well. The centres Lee Arthur and Kristian Jenkins closed down their opposite numbers in set play but had no answer to the quick long passes of home half backs Ton Briggs and Nicky Giles from turnovers. Celtic's back three of Ryan Lovett, Morgan Harris and Matthew Harris had little attacking ball and had to defend against the pace of their confident opponents.

Kenfig Hill opened the scoring with a penalty in front of the posts for offside five minutes into the game.

Celtic responded with a powerful break by flanker Jonathan Davies who took the ball into the 22. Scrum half Liam Healey passed quick ruck ball to wing Ryan Lovett who was stopped illegally short of the line.

Oliver Petty took the ensuing penalty quickly and ran in a try, and outside half Harri Evans converted.

Kenfig Hill regained the lead when Celtic lost the ball on halfway and the home team moved the ball swiftly to wing Lewis Morgan who ran around the defence to create a try which Giles converted.

They went further ahead when they found a gap in the Celtic defence and their three quarters interpassed at pace to touch down. Giles converted.

Celtic closed the gap when fullback Matthew Harris broke the home defence and made ground. He passed to flanker Ryan Turner who took the ball to the home red zone. The ruck was illegally killed and the penalty was kicked to touch. From the ensuing lineout captain Oliver Petty crossed for a touchdown.

The home side began the second half with a push-over try from a lineout and followed that with a 70-metre effort from a broken Celtic attack.

Celtic did not give up and exerted periods of pressure on the Kenfig hill line – only to turn over the ball and see their opponents' three quarters run the length of the field to score their fifth try.

The final score was Kenfig Hill 38 v 12 Maesteg Celtic. Captain Oliver Petty was awarded Celtic man of the match.

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Porthcawl get a crucial away win in high-scoring thriller at Ystrad

Owen Thomas makes ground, with Nathan Silverthorn in support. Photo by Tracey Williams.

PORTHCAWL got back to league action with this 70-point thriller on the road at Ystradgynlais, a fine victory 38–32 against a side that played above its current League position.

The pace of the match was set almost from the off, when a searing break by centre Jon Phillips led to wing Jordan Fox taking the move on, and irrepressible flanker Owen Thomas was stopped just short of the line after a 40-metre surge.

Jordan Fox crashes over to score a try. Photo by Tracey Williams.

It was all Porthcawl in the opening stages and when fly half Ben Thomas kicked them in front with a penalty, it was no more than they deserved.

The Seaweeds lost lock Will Robinson after just 15 minutes, with Ben Asprea taking to the flanker position and Leon McNally moving to lock. The change didn't seem to bother Porthcawl, yet it was the home side that got back on terms when full-back Dominic Williams slotted a penalty for 3-apiece.

Indeed, Ystrad have a sharp edge to the attacking game and took the lead when centre Steff Jones strolled over wide out for a try as Porthcawl's defence lapsed, with Williams kicking the extras and at 10-3 down the Seaweeds knew they were in for a very competitive afternoon.

The visitors were soon back on terms when scrum half Jack Robins, who was a livewire all match for Porthcawl, took a quick tap penalty, making ground before handing on to prop Jamie Uren, whose superb hands found fellow prop Matt Cooke in support and he in turn put Jordan Fox in at the corner for a super try, surpassed only by Ben Thomas' outstanding conversion for 10–all.

As half-time approached, another break and sublime pass by Phillips found Uren, then Robins, in support at the posts before Asprea got the final touch with a stretching try below the sticks, Thomas converting for 10–17 at the break.

Shortly afterwards, Thomas increased Porthcawl's advantage as he slotted a good penalty from 35 metres following another Owen Thomas surge for 10–20.

The Porthcawl backs had a very useful home backline to contend with and when Ystrad again stretched the Seaweeds' defence, there was left wing Ryan Jones snatching back an unconverted try to bring the home side within five points at 15–20.

With Phillips off injured for Porthcawl, replaced by Jake Thomas, Ystrad took the lead as home scrum-half Ethan Nicholls produced the run of the afternoon, over fully 50 metres, to score a fine try, converted by Williams and Porthcawl were down at 22–20.

However, it wasn't long before Porthcawl nosed in front again with another penalty from Ben Thomas for 22–23 before Seaweeds wing Jordan Skidmore, a real handful for the home side to contend with throughout the match, instigated a superb attacking move, finding the mercurial Ben Thomas on the break before he handed on to namesake Owen, who powered to the line for a magnificent try, goaled by Ben, and at 22–30 Porthcawl attained a position they were never to lose.

Williams pulled back an easy penalty for Ystrad and 25–30 before Fox collected his second try for Porthcawl as he finished off another strong attack, diving over at the corner, with Thomas' conversion hitting the post for 25–35.

A controversial turn then brought the home side back within three points at 32–35 as referee Robert Hale awarded a penalty try against Porthcawl for apparently pulling down the scrum, leaving it finely balanced for a tense last two minutes of the match.

However, Ben Thomas' fourth penalty brought the curtain down at 32-38 to Porthcawl on the day, his personal tally of 18 points being as crucial as his outstanding performance overall.

With Porthcawl unbeaten this season on 22 league points and visitors Birchgrove topping the table unbeaten on 23, this Saturday's showdown at South Road should be a cracker.

Paul Fielding

KEY MISTAKES COST BRIDGEND ATHLETIC DEAR

Aled Thomas scores a try against Rumney. IMAGES by JOHN CANON

Bridgend Athletic	**13**
Rumney	**22**

BRIDGEND Athletic, now playing in Division One East Central, replicated the same poor start to the season as they suffered last season in Division One West Central, losing their third league game in the first five outings, going down 22-13 away at Rumney's Riverside Park ground.

The tone of the performance was set in the opening minutes. The Athletic kicked off and Rumney, with another typical East Central jumbo pack kept tight possession before moving the ball along the line.

A poor attempt at a tackle on half way against Rumney full back Tyler Mahoney was replicated on the 22 when he contemptuously handed off another would-be Athletic tackler to race over under the posts. His brother, outside half Regan Mahoney, added the conversion.

An Athletic driving maul from the Rumney 22 was held just short of the Rumney try line. Poor Athletic discipline led to Rumney moving upfield with a series of penalties culminating in Regan Mahoney landing his kick at goal when in range to extend the lead to 10-0.

Another Athletic driving maul was halted near the Rumney posts for scrum half Aled Thomas to pick up and spot a gap to cross. Outside half Luke Bevan converted.

Bevan, playing his first game of the season, made a good break and was hauled down just short of the Rumney try line, but the Athletic conceded a penalty at a ruck to allow Rumney to clear their line.

With the Athletic attempting to run out of defence, a dropped pass 30 metres out was seized on by centre Tom Maton, who fly kicked the ball over the Athletic try line and won the race to touch down to give the home side a 15-7 half time advantage. Two Athletic mistakes; two Rumney tries.

The Athletic started at a higher tempo in the second half, aiming to move the heavier East Central pack around the pitch and they were rewarded with an early penalty by Bevan to reduce the deficit to 15-10.

However, Bevan's troublesome knee gave out and the Athletic reshuffled their backs with full back Josh Davies moving to outside half, wing Michael Powell slotting in at full back and replacement Tom Davies coming on at wing. The Athletic further reduced the deficit to 15-13 with a penalty from Josh Davies.

The Athletic were dominating territory and had their fair share of possession.

Rumney had a simple game plan to keep the game tight. This was helped by poor tackling options by the Athletic in trying to hold up the drives, whereas Dan Lydiate style chop tackles could have halted the play before momentum was developed.

Luke Bevan makes a break.

The Athletic were also drawn into an arm wrestle they would not win when the game was crying out with mismatches all around the field for a more open approach. It seemed to be heads down; not up looking at what was in front of them.

In a rare break out of defence, Rumney moved the ball down the blindside from half way and kicked ahead to the Athletic line. A mishandle saw Tyler Mahoney pounce for his second try, converted by his brother.

The Athletic lacked any cohesion to respond and left their coaches and supporters very frustrated by an overall inept performance.

Team manager Paul Hearne said: "It was a terrible performance in which few players can hold their heads up. Simple missed tackles and dropped passes were unacceptable. Lack of focus and concentration by some players puts their places in jeopardy."

Last season, following a similar bad start, the Athletic went on a six-month unbeaten run with 15-man off-loading and support play approach.

It remains to be seen whether this team can repeat that feat, starting at home in Newbridge Fields this Saturday against Mountain Ash and the following week away at Porth Harlequins.

The players are certainly better than results to date indicate – it is in their hands which way the season pans out.

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